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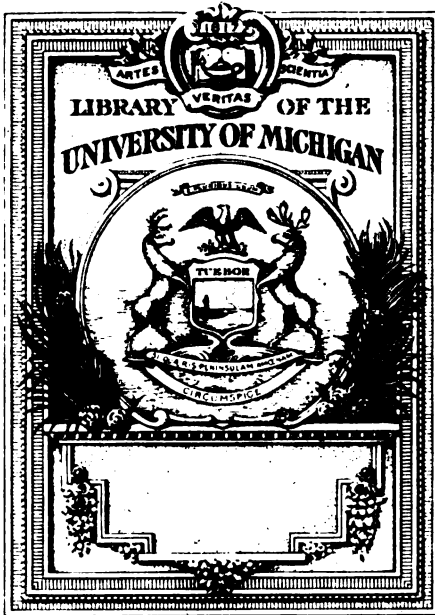
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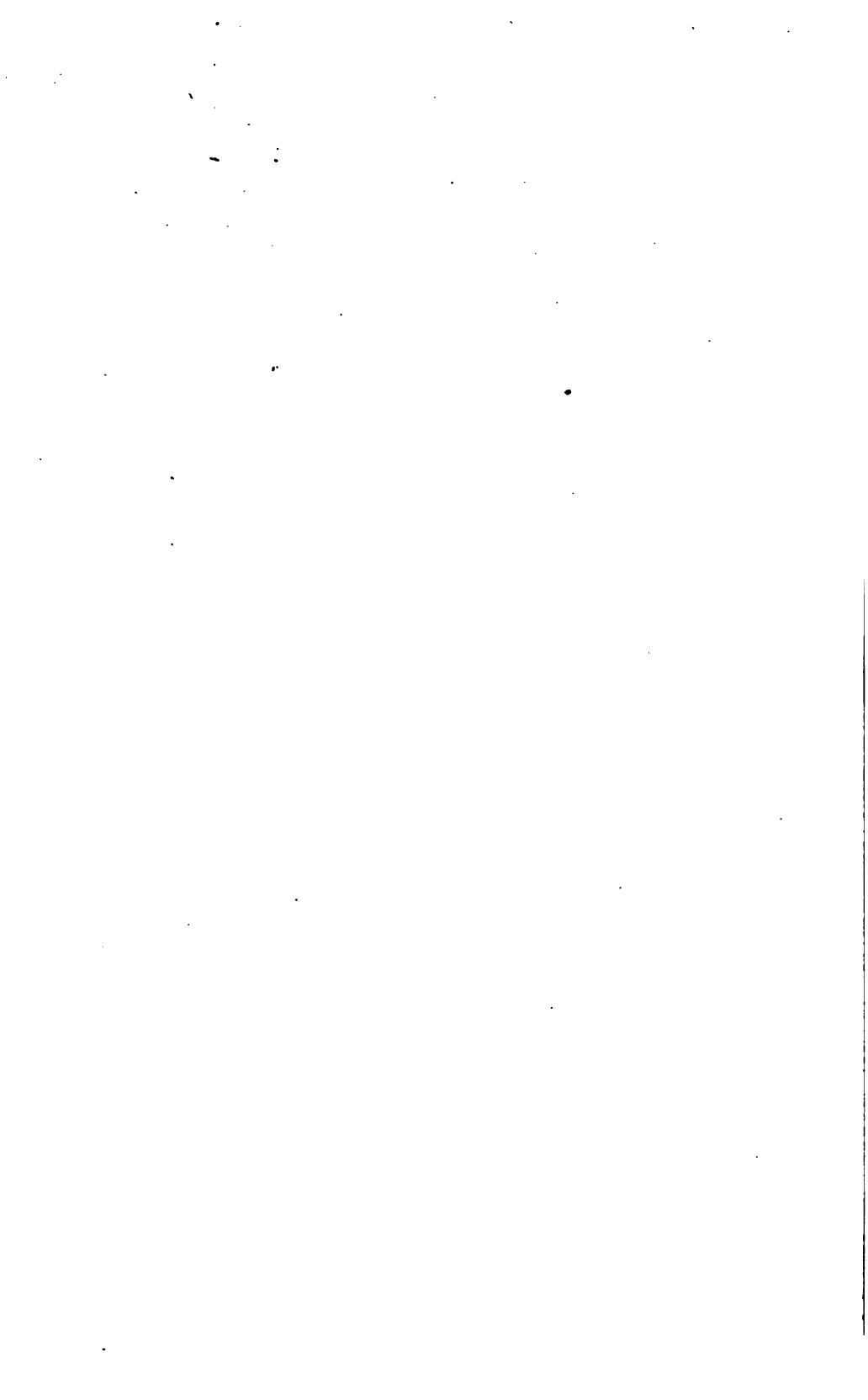
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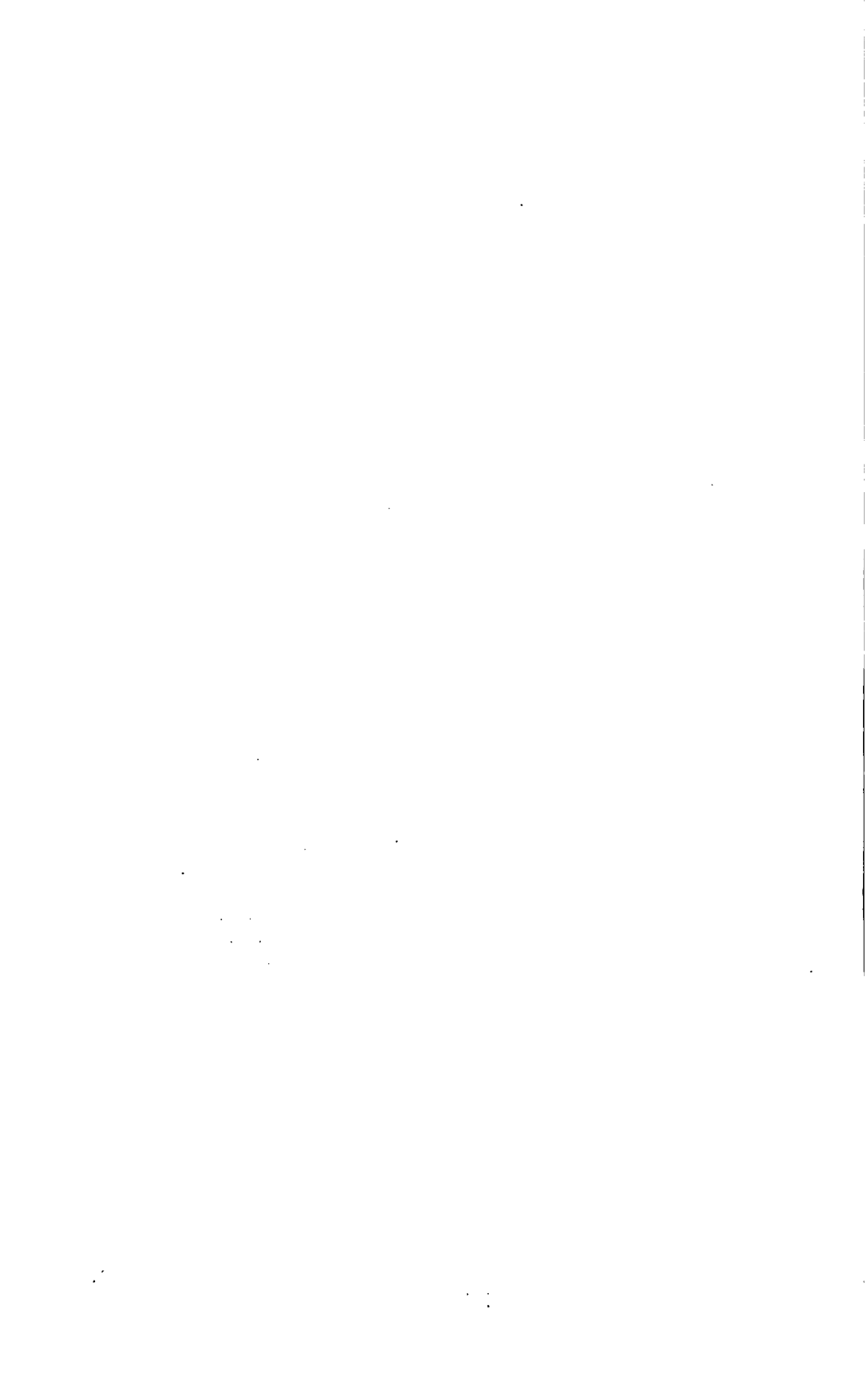
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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

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**Morning Session. July 6, 1914**

COMRADE J. S. STRACHEN, Colonel Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11,  
Chairman of the Encampment Committee:

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Comrades and Friends, it is with great pleasure this morning I announce that the proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Encampment of the Department of New York are about to begin.

At this time I wish to express our appreciation of the honor and the privilege of having the Comrades of this great Department as our guests. It is most gratifying to General Eugene Griffin Camp to be arranging for the program for the convenience and comfort of the delegates and their friends and the entertainment that they will hereafter enjoy. The position I occupy this morning does not call for any extended remarks, therefore, I take great pleasure in introducing the Department chaplain, Father William H. I. Reaney.

### *Prayer*

Almighty and Eternal God, we bow before Thee, the first beginning and the last ending; Thou art the Alpha and the Omega of all our thoughts, and words, and deeds. We represent Thy eternity in all our doings and in our thinkings. We beg of You to look down with blessings upon this our Annual Encampment of the Great Empire State of New York. We beg that Thou wilt be closely near to us — we who believe in Thee; we hope in Thee; we who are heartily seeking for Thy benefit; we who love Thee because of Thy goodness; and we who love our fellow men because Thou hast made us in Thy image and likeness.

Bless all those in authority; bless our Commander-in-Chief; bless the President of the United States; bless all the Governors; bless all the Legislators, and all the Congressmen. Bless all of those who have been kind enough to invite us to this great, grand, and glorious city of Schenectady, which shows that they believe in Thee, and that between Thee, Almighty God, and the

noblest experience of man there is no conflict; and they are using all their brains in order to show that they are bringing forth a superman and giving unto Thee, our Father, that worship which belongs to Thee alone.

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

The Star Spangled Banner was then rendered by the Cambrian Glee Club of Schenectady. Announcement was then made by the Chairman that the Encampment would receive the Commander-in-Chief, Comrade John Lewis Smith, of Washington, D. C., and the band played while the Commander-in-Chief walked up the aisle, accompanied by a guard of Past Department Commanders, and took his seat on the platform.

COMRADE STRACHEN:

It now gives me very great pleasure to introduce to you one who has always been very friendly to our Organization, Mr. J. Teller Schoolcraft, Mayor of Schenectady.

MR. SCHOOLCRAFT:

*Mr. Chairman, ladies — you are like ladies and gentlemen, peaceful gentlemen; all Comrades:* I always like to be impartial and so I am going to try this morning and see if I can show any such thing as being impartial. I want to give every one here the same wish, and that wish is this: "That each person here get a part of the present cold I have." So then, if each one of you will turn yourself into a Christian Scientist I know I will get rid of my cold. (Laughter.) You ought to remember the Old Golden Rule — "Do Unto Others as You Would That They Should Do Unto You." Even a soldier ought to remember and do that, so I am asking you to relieve me of my cold.

Schenectady has been greatly favored by conventions in the past. We have had a great number of conventions here since the first of the year, and we expect more yet. I wish that every convention in the United States would come to this city. We would

welcome them all as we welcome you now. Conventions are good things. They are predecessors always of good. They are important factors in the progress and in the welfare of the world. And I trust to-day that not only will this city be benefited by this convention, but that you too indeed will also be benefited by coming to this city. We show you our wonderful city; our industries; our two great industries, The General Electric Company, pleasantly called by everybody in this city "The G. E.," and better known by that name; where over eighteen thousand men and girls are employed when they are running full swing; and The American Locomotive Works, with over six thousand employees.

We show you our institution of learning on the hill, Union College, from whose walls went forth many a brave soldier — some came back and some did not — during the Civil War and during the Spanish-American War.

We show you our other business industries here, our location, our special advantages. We expect you to enjoy yourselves in this city. And now, Comrades, we know you will appreciate what we have done for you. You will show us your respect, and you will leave this city with our best wishes and we shall receive your best wishes. That is the way to live, gentlemen; and that is why we want you here. It has been so with every convention here in the past, and I know it will be so with this convention also. When the Spanish-American War was on we knew what the Spanish War Veterans did and what they were, and we know what they will do when another opportunity comes. (Applause.) We go back to the olden time, to the time when the most of us here were young, the good old years agone, we saw the smooth bore and the awkward army comrade with the awkward flint-lock; again we see the crooked powder horn hanging over the shoulder, carefully turned down to take out the desired amount of powder or quantity of powder for the old smooth bore. Again we see the still worn Continental uniform, you all remember it and you all reverence it. Again we see the old army musket with its dangerous bayonet at the end, and again we see the awkward bayonet and instead of seeing the measuring out of the powder and shot we see the handy cartridge; and again we see the old blue uniform — well-worn, and well-known, and well-beloved; and also the gray uniform, for

time has mellowed our thoughts for the gray — for they too were soldier boys. Again we see the modern, smart business-looking magazine rifle and behind it the boy in brown, that boy and the khaki uniform. Oh we see them on the march to the front, always to the *front* — never to the rear. Give them another opportunity and to the front I know the United Spanish War Veterans will go; and over all we see “Old Glory.” Again, and we hear the bugle call, and over all “Old Glory.” We all know “Old Glory,” the pride of the United States, the envy of the world. The emblem of a good name, country, loved ones, victory, liberty, justice. You know what that means, gentlemen, and none know better than the United Spanish War Veterans what these words mean. The word “War” has a peculiar significance, read it where you will, whether it be in the newspapers, in the story-book, or in the history, it sends a thrill through every true American heart, and it ought to send a thrill through every true American heart, through the heart of every true gentleman, every true Spanish War Veteran, and every true American. (Applause.)

And see this ancient city, one hundred years older than the revolution — this modern city with its up-to-date ideas, saluting the Spanish War Veterans. And this ancient city, this grand old city with its magnificent history, this modern city with its well-known and wonderful industries greeting the Spanish War Veterans here this morning; the electric city of the world, which cannot be beaten, greets the United Spanish War Veterans with open arms and with open hearts with a welcome from myself as Mayor of the city and from every citizen to every one here. We want you to understand that you are welcome to this city and to every part of it; and so I say from the bottom of my heart as the representative of this city — of the electric city of the world, with its ninety thousand inhabitants, that is the city which gives to the United Spanish War Veterans ninety thousand welcomes. (Applause.) Three cheers were called for the “Patriotic Mayor of Schenectady,” and were most heartily given.

CHAIRMAN:

The Cambrian Glee Club, a body of singers from the city of Schenectady, have very generously donated their services to us

to-day. I now ask them to render their first selection: "The March of Our Nation."

This was done in such a manner as to demand an encore.

COMRADE STRACHEN, Chairman:

This time I will introduce to you, Comrades, a Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, who is an honorary member of the United Spanish War Veterans, Comrade Allan W. Johnston.

COMRADE JOHNSTON:

*Commander-in-Chief, Department Commander, Ladies of the Auxiliary, Guests and Friends:* The Grand Army of the Republic give you a cordial welcome to-day. It wishes to express in that way the feeling which our people of this country had towards the nations with which they wished to be friends and neighbors. It so wishes to express that feeling of obligation which we feel, having had committed to us some of the greatest trusts that God has ever given to any nation, and it was you yourselves who felt that duty; and it was yourselves who obeyed the call to go to the neighboring hills of Cuba, Porto Rico and the far-off Philippines. We have also as a people endeavored to give some help to the Great United States of China, and we are at this time as a united people trying to give some help to our unfortunate neighbors in Mexico. We greatly appreciate to-day having you with us. We feel that it is you that honor our city by coming here; and that while we give you a welcome to our city, we feel that you are giving far more to us in making your presence here to-day. No person will ever look at or hold in light esteem the strong arm and courageous words of the young men and the men of middle life who make up your ranks. We invite you to-day and we welcome you to-day to no mean city. This city had its beginning amongst the earliest of our country. The early Hollander, the Scotch Highlander, those who came from England and Wales, and those who came from the fair hills and dales of the Emerald Isle, and the Germans, and those whose names are to be found so often in the early pages of our Country's history were a home-loving people; they were a poetic people, and they were a hospitable people. And it is not going out of the way to say that possibly their descendants in exercising that hospitality having given to a man who knew but



little of home, except perhaps a very little in his early childhood, something of the conception of those lines which have reached out into all the world and have given pleasure wherever the name of John Howard Payne is known and where Home Sweet Home is known and sung, and have given the recollection, the most sacred recollection is brought up that any people may have.

It is possible that in our city we have given you an idea of great and important industries. Perhaps you have not had time to look at them yet, but we hope you will soon have. We have also given to you the key, through our Mayor, the key to all our public buildings, especially to our great institution, Union College, which has given men to the world by thousands who have done honor to those other men who in their early history with such high patriotism regarding education, gave so liberally of their means and of their time to form that great institution.

Tom Moore came to this valley and upon arriving in it he wrote these lines:

From rise of morn till set of sun  
 I've seen the mighty Mohawk run;  
 And as I marked the woods of pine  
 Along his mirror darkly shine,  
 Like tall and gloomy forms that pass  
 Before the wizard's midnight glass;  
 And as I viewed the hurrying pace  
 With which he ran his turbid race,  
 Rushing, alike untired and wild,  
 Through shades that frowned and flowers that smiled,  
 Flying by every green recess  
 That wooed him to its calm caress,  
 Yet, sometimes turning with the wind,  
 As if to leave one look behind!  
 Oh! I have thought, and thinking, sighed —  
 How like to thee, thou restless tide!  
 May be the lot, the life of him,  
 Who roams along thy water's brim!  
 Through what alternate shades of woe  
 And flowers of joy my path may go!  
 How many an humble, still retreat  
 May rise to court my weary feet,  
 While still pursuing, still unblest,  
 I wander on, nor dare to rest!  
 But urgent as the doom that calls  
 Thy water to its destined falls.  
 I see the world's bewildering force

Hurry my heart's devoted course  
 From lapse to lapse, till life be done,  
 And the lost current cease to run!  
 Oh! may my falls be bright as thine!  
 May Heaven's forgiving rainbow shine  
 Upon that mist that circles me,  
 As soft as now it hangs o'er thee.

When the lightnings of the skies were looking around for a civilized home they picked out our city and here you will find that great steed, that wonderful, powerful iron horse is raised in our pastures. We have expressed to you to-day our best wishes and hopes that you shall have a happy time while you are with us here. We have hereabout the friendship of a working people, the best society that any town can have in the way of inhabitants, and if you find anywhere in our city any lack of hospitality you will not find it resting in the purpose and in the intent of our city. Of this I can assure you.

It is said that our country, now about one hundred and thirty years old, that we have great problems to solve. Why, to be sure, we have problems to solve. It is said that these problems unless solved may some time endanger the very fundamental principles of our government, for which so many lives have been freely given in the past. Well, what country has not problems to solve? What country has not overcome problems? And if we can find a man who has ever become strong without overcoming the difficulties in his path, please show him. If there has ever been a nation that has become strong without having overcome the difficulties that were in its path, why, we don't find it on the map. It may be that we are too careless and not thoughtful enough of these faults of our own people. As a nation perhaps we overlook too much, but I can tell you that we have in process the very best means of overcoming those faults, because we have a people who are continually, from day to day, watching. When people are doing their best in the government you may expect not only good results but you may expect triumphant results. I have in mind that it is perfectly natural for us as a people — as it is for every people, to look upon the faults of their neighbors more specifically, more intently than they do upon their own faults; they are very apt to do this. It is human nature to underrate

the excellencies of other people and to exalt their own. To illustrate this I have in mind a very amusing experience of my own. It so happened that I had the pleasure of making my home temporarily with a family on the outskirts of the city; and they had some little ones among their number. There was one little fellow about four years of age whose parents were teaching him in the right way to live, and they were giving him a little idea one evening when he was opposite his little cot, telling him to say something in the way of a prayer besides that which he was accustomed to, viz.: "Now I lay me down to sleep," etc. So he asked them what should he say; and they said "Well, say God bless papa, God bless mama, bless Mr. Johnston and then yourself."

The little fellow started out and said: "God bless papa, God bless mama, and bless Uncle Johnson and make him a good boy" ! That is the way the bigger people often do; so many have this idea. We are always looking out where we can find a chance to help others to mend their faults and we sometimes forget ourselves. Now, we need the mutual regard, for which everywhere there is a need, a mutual charity is needed everywhere if we are to work out the best effects for our country. A piano tuner will tell you that the scales of the board are not correct, that even when every keynote has been placed to its proper pitch, still there exists between the keynotes what they call the "Wolf," and there needs to be another adjustment before you can get any proper harmony out of that piano. Now, in making the laws for men who are to control our great activities, and our great factories and manage our great railway systems, we need men who have the skill and men who have the brains and men who have the muscles to work out the different plans set before them, and there ought to be a reasonably fair proposition for adjustment, a fair proposition for mutual good understanding. Let us take for instance as our Reverend Brother there says, the churches of our country; the best institutions, the most valuable that we have in every sense. Take these institutions, they accept as their standard the ten commandments, but they find they are sufficient. Now there are no alliances of State or Nation founded upon the principles of the ten commandments. Does it not become us as His creatures to

use that same charity, that same manner of life that same thing that we expect to get from our Great Author and Creator between ourselves? Is it not a reasonable proposition?

The Grand Army to-day, Comrades, welcomes you and they are grateful, and they are delighted that they have in this country an organization of this kind, as they feel the advancing years telling upon their energies, an organization which will at any time obey the call of the country. And they do this and they have this belief, with a daily prayer that you may never again be called into such action as shall need the force of arms against your fellowmen in any land — our own, or any other. And yet we feel the need for having, the necessity of such an organization, and they know that there the sword is placed in the hands of men who will use it if they are called upon to use it. When the soldier, whether it be of the Blue or of the Gray, when the last surviving soldier has answered the last call and his form has been carried to its mother dust — as happened a few weeks ago — some kind hand will lay the spring blossoms upon the grasses that grow there; and if in doing so they did not remember the form that was placed there, they will have the consciousness, the abiding consciousness of an united people with One Country and One Flag; and may we not hope, and may we not look forward to the day when it will be one law for all?

The Grand Army of the Republic to-day feels that the day is coming — there are members of it who are dying and they feel that the day is coming when in place of the sword there will be floating from every hillside and in every valley the emblems of peace and harmony among men, and if we look for that great and good day it must be fulfilled in the Prophet's work. We do not know where the ladies of the Auxiliary will be found, or whether they will be voting; but we do know that when that work is fulfilled, when every tree of the field shall clap their hands, that the graceful elm shall be found just as well as the sturdy oak.

Commander-in-Chief, Department Commander, of the United Spanish War Veterans, Ladies of the Auxiliary, the Grand Army of the Republic that I represent here to-day, and William Hosefal Post No. 90 bids you a cordial welcome. (Applause.)

The Electric City Band then played a selection.

COMRADE STRACHEN, Chairman:

It now gives me a great pleasure to introduce a Comrade, one who had an opportunity in the service and who has always felt very kindly towards the United Spanish War Veterans, the Reverend John J. Lynch of Schenectady.

REV. JOHN J. LYNCH:

*Department Commander, Chaplain Reaney, Ladies and Gentlemen:* When sometimes our Sunday School scholars get a little unruly and begin to talk and fail to pay proper attention, then it is the rule of the clergymen to tell the little children a story; and I am going to tell you first a little story, just given to me by your Chaplain the Reverend Father William H. I. Reaney; and he tells me that it was told by Jacob Schiff, and it is "apropos" of what our Honorable Mayor and Mr. Johnston, representing the Grand Army of the Republic has been telling you about the Blue and the Gray. (By the way, I notice that your uniform is a combination of the Blue and the Gray. There is no more North and South, if you please, but in the United Spanish War Veterans they combine the two uniforms.)

Well, this little episode happened at one of the great battles between the North and the South in the great Civil War. There was a lull in the battle, and the soldiers during the time of the lull had been singing their old songs, I can not say that it was "There Will Be a Hot Time in The Old Town Tonight," but it was one of the popular songs of the time. After a while the soldiers of the Northern army started singing "Yankee Doodle," and then the South, seeing that the North was singing from their own point of view, almost immediately started singing "Old Dixie". Then, after they were singing that for sometime they heard voices singing that beautiful song which was composed by one of our own Schenectady City men, James Howard Payne, "Home Sweet Home." Then the soldiers of the North and of the South joined in the refrain and sang it together with all their heart. (Applause.)

I am, indeed, ladies and gentlemen, very much gratified to you and to your Committee for the opportunity of addressing a word to you this morning; and the reason is, because at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War I had the pleasure and the honor, of having a Brother who like yourselves who harkened

to the call of our Country, and leaving home, and father, and mother and all that he held dear in life, enlisted in the Navy in order that if need be to give up his life for his country. I shall never forget the weary pilgrimage his dear old father and mother made from the home city of Albany to the Brooklyn Navy Yard in order to wish him a Good-speed and a safe return; and then with a broken heart, their last farewell. Yes! I am glad to be here with you this morning, to tell you gentlemen of my appreciation of what you have given up for your country and to tell you about the example that you have given to our growing generation here in America; and to tell you that your willingness was like that other young man whom I know quite well in Albany, that young lieutenant who was one of the first on the field at El Caney to give his life for his country. The young, gallant, noble-hearted lieutenant Thomas A. Wansboro, of Albany. It was only last February that I visited the country made celebrated by your Comrades and who are still lying there perhaps in the harbor of Havana. I too remember the Maine. I visited Santiago, El Caney and San Juan Hill; and I stood under the tree where the Articles of Peace were signed; and I read the names of the martyred soldiers, your Comrades who gave up their lives on the altar of justice and humanity; and Oh, if there be on this earthly sphere a boon, a fair haven, Comrades, there it is. The losses might have been very much greater perhaps, but those of us who lost dear friends it makes the heart break to remember it. But we thank Almighty God this morning for the great events of July 4th, 1776, when in the City of Brotherly Love, Thomas Jefferson took that noble stand for the rights of man and when he stood up for the rights of humanity and for all the world. We thank Almighty God too for the great events of July, 1898, when our soldiers and sailors went out and fought to give new life to that blessed land of Cuba. For, it would seem, ladies and gentlemen, that God had chosen America here from all eternity for the oppressed to find a home. Why, He crowned liberty here on our bays, and founds mountains heaving their wooded cities to the sky. He merged it in our great location, which like the ocean reflects its own immensity, He spoke out in our primeval forests,

sent it out across our barren hills and in our lovely valleys and surmounted it with every form and touch of beauty and gave it a place worthy of His Name; and it was to protect this jewel, this priceless heritage that God had crowned the nations with, that the American soldier and sailor shed his blood in the Spanish-American War. Oh, Land of the Free and Home of the Brave, our proudest boast is that we are American citizens. We are assembled here this morning. We love thee — we love thy rocks and rills; thy lakes and mountains, thy pensive vales, but most of all liberty. Who does not love thee is base — who would not die for thee is craven. Who would injure thee, let him perish. Thy heroes were God's chosen instruments in establishing and perpetuating this name and promoting it; and should it ever be that you have to be marshalled again — which God forbid — I know that every man here in this Organization of the United Spanish War Veterans and every man here in America that has the heart that beats for Liberty will be ready again to sacrifice health and home and even life in thy defence. (Applause.) Thou, Oh beauteous Ensign of our Nation, may mortal eyes never see a shadow of darkness on one of thy radiant stars, nor a blur of dishonor on thy proudly flowing frills; and when the radiant rays of the expiring sun shall shed its fading light of day on the earth for the last time may thou, Oh Flag of the Free and the Brave wave serene, glorious and immortal over this Western Hemisphere bearing witness to the undying fidelity of all to Justice and to Liberty. (Applause.)

COMRADE STRACHEN:

The Cambrian Glee Club will now render their second selection: "Comrades in Arms." This was received with emphatic marks of approval.

COMRADE STRACHEN:

It now gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Department President Catherine Spolders of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

MRS. SPOLDERS:

*Mr. Chairman, Department Commander, Comrades, Sisters of the Grand Army of the Republic, and last but not least, my own Sisters of the United Spanish War Veterans: I am supposed*

to take the place of Mrs. Katherine Fellows, President General, but every Comrade of the Department of New York knows that it is not in me to do it, I may be a speaker but I am a very poor one. I try however to do my best, and I hope that at some future time I shall be able to make a better report. It is indeed an honor to be here to address you this morning, as this is about the only time the Department President has the chance of addressing you while you are in session. We meet individually in your Camps with the Auxiliaries, but this is about the only time when all the Camps are represented and we can get a chance to talk to you. My work during the past year has been a work of love, and when I lay down my gavel which will be soon, I will long remember with pleasure that office, and my highest aim in this Organization will always be to bring about a good understanding and a high understanding between the Camps and the Auxiliaries. There seems to be a little bit of difficulty at the present time, owing to the fact that many of the Comrades do not seem to understand what the Auxiliaries are organized for. You are the ones that give us our work. There is one object that we are organized for, that is to assist you Comrades in your relief work, but we cannot do anything without your assistance, and without you notifying us as to where our duty lies; and I hope and pray that the future time — and I trust it will not be far distant time either, that every Camp shall have an Auxiliary attached to it and everything shall work harmoniously and in the very best spirit of friendship.

On behalf of the Department of New York I want to convey to the Comrades of this city our high appreciation and sincere thanks for their kind and courteous treatment to us so far, and I feel sure that we can go home at the close of the Encampment feeling that the city of Schenectady has done its full duty and made us very welcome. I thank you.

COMRADE STRACHEN:

It now gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Past Department Commander of the District of Columbia, Comrade Daniel P. Chisholm.

*Comrades and Distinguished Ones, all:* I may say that I am almost overcome with the belief that it is impossible to interest you much after the worthy lady you have just listened to, and I



never thought I could do you or myself credit by endeavoring to follow one who is so able as my predecessor.

It has been a very great pleasure to us to have been with you at the beginning of your Encampment, and a special pleasure to be honored with the distinction of having the privilege of saying a few words to an Encampment composed of men like those of this great New York State.

We need not dwell on the soldier, especially of our Organization, for the moment, that we all know too well; and, as the time is growing late—nearly the lunch period, and we have yet some others to follow me, my mission to you will be a short one, I just want to speak to you Comrades of New York State of one of our Comrades from here, Colonel Michael Emmet Urell, who served through the Civil War in the Eighty-second New York Vol. Infantry, and was brevetted for bravery on the field of battle and received from Congress a medal of honor; who was Past Department Commander of the District of Columbia and Past Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans. Among the first of our Organization were Comrade Urell, Comrade Hobson and myself. We were the three men, I believe, who started the movement of the Spanish War Veterans in the city of Washington, D. C., in the year 1899, and from that beginning where we held the first two sessions in the armory in that city, the Organization has grown to its immense proportions of to-day.

Comrade Urell was always a familiar figure at our Conventions during his lifetime. About four years ago he took a trip to Ireland and while there he succumbed to heart disease. Your Committee is preparing to raise to him a suitable memorial in the District of Columbia. The Comrades there brought his body back from Ireland and buried it in Arlington Cemetery. We did not ask for any assistance—we did that ourselves. When we did want any help we come to you with a proposition to raise a memorial to the Past Commander-in-Chief who during his lifetime gave his all, both financially, physically and intellectually for the good of the work of our Organization. A man who died, I might say, without a cent; and yet a man who commanded a high salary. Our Comrades when wanting relief always went to our Comrade Urell, and he was the first to go to the front when they needed his assistance, either in their places of employment or in their homes.

That is such a Comrade whom I come and appeal to you to-day for. We have begun this proposition of raising a memorial less than six weeks ago to-day, and the receipts are coming in in fairly good shape. We want the Camps to give throughout the country as they see fit. We do not want them to give more than two dollars each; and I felt that if I said a few words here at the Encampment that that would be the best way for me to reach the Camps. As this is my purpose in speaking to you, and as I said that there are others to follow and probably they will have something to say to you of interest along other lines. And so, having made this statement simply and plainly for this purpose, I want you if you please, to take this matter up with your Camps when you return home. I thank you. (Applause.)

COMRADE STRACHEN, Chairman of Encampment Committee:

It now gives me great pleasure to introduce to you our Past Commander-in-Chief, Maurice Simmons.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MAURICE SIMMONS:

The Mayor a few moments ago spoke of Christian Scientists and he said that he wanted you to have a part of his cold. Well, I want to tell you that he has wished it on me—I have got it. (Laughter.)

The one thing that seems to irradiate this Encampment as no other Encampment ever has been irradiated; one thing that seems to beautify and lend a fragrance to this fine gathering such as has attended no other convention of our Organization in this Department is the unprecedented number of the ladies who are in attendance at this Encampment city to-day. I want to say that for the Comrades of the Department of New York that we appreciate your loyalty, your co-operation, your fidelity.

The noon hour is approaching, and I know of no more pleasurable interruption than "lunch," so I shall reserve what I might have to say for some other occasion. I am glad to see our Commander-in-Chief (applause) here to-day. It was one John Smith who brought glory to Virginia, who first went into it was John Smith; and I tell you Comrades that there is one here who has brought glory to the "Old Dominion" is the last and most immortal of the line, our John L. Smith of Virginia. He has made good at National headquarters. We have had an administration of signal

efficiency and the halls of Congress have resounded with the battle cries of the United Spanish War Veterans, led by our distinguished leader who has achieved splendid results, so that at last we almost stand on the dawn of the morning of victory on the old Crago and now new Key Bill. I know that I am echoing the sentiments of the Comrades of the Department of New York in paying a spontaneous tribute to the Commander-in-Chief. He was our unanimous choice when we placed the royal purple of power on his shoulders in the city of Buffalo, and he is still our unanimous choice now, and if we had the power to vote again we would all vote that he succeed himself in office and to retain him in the Commandership-in-Chief. There is one thing I believe in — “Measures, not Men;” and I deplore the iron law of our Organization that compels us to change “Captains” right in the midst of the battle — to “swap horses while crossing the stream.” And if the Pension Bill is not passed this session (as I believe it will) I think it would be most prejudicial to our Organization to be bound by the iron rule; and I hope that the members this coming session will not be bound by and have to commit the folly of following our iron law and select a different leader. I suppose that cannot be changed, but I say it is a deplorable condition because it makes the mistake of causing us to adhere to men instead of to measures.

My Comrades of the Department of New York, I am glad to see back in our midst the “Grandest Roman of them All,” back from the tropical waters of Mexico, who typifies all the love and mercy and charity of our country, our Department Chaplain, the Reverend William H. I. Reaney.

And now, Comrades, I will make way for him who has carried our standard in national affairs with such pre-eminent success, our Comrade John Lewis Smith.

COMRADE STRACHEN:

The Cambrian Glee club will now render their third and last selection: “The Sweet Bye and Bye.” (This was given and most heartily enjoyed by all.)

It gives me very great pleasure to call on one of our Comrades who needs no introduction, our Commander-in-Chief, John Lewis Smith.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JOHN LEWIS SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, my friends have given me a second introduction. Comrades, I feel an embarrassment in addressing this Convention. I have looked forward with a great deal of pleasure to being able to attend this Convention of the greatest Department in our Organization, but that pleasure has been doubled here to-day by the attendance—I may say the unexpected attendance of the Ladies Auxiliary and of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. The success of our Organization depends largely upon the support that we can get from these ladies and from our Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. We endeavor in every way to imitate the Grand Army of the Republic and the support which they have given us during the past year has done much to increase the standing that we have in the communities of this country.

Now Comrades, I am not going to make a speech to-day, as I realized that the lunch hour has arrived; and I would hesitate at any time to follow the great array of speakers that you have already listened to; but I do want to talk to you about some problems of our Organization. I want to discuss with you and ask your consideration of measures that will get us one hundred thousand members for the next year. The Grand Army of the Republic is doing a great work in assisting us in building up this membership. In the natural course of things their organization has not a long life before it, and if they continue to help us as I believe they will then, we will be able to take the place of that great organization and do the work that it has done during the last fifty years.

There is another question which will come up at the next National Encampment which will bear consideration from each and every one of you, and that is the question of the Spanish War Review. We have got to face that situation of the Spanish War Review and dispose of it one way or the other. We have either got to give the Organization a paper which they want or we have got to arrange with somebody who will get what they want. The Assistant Adjutant-General has given his time night and day to making a success of the paper. But we cannot get the Camp's space as large as they want, and for that reason I hope that this Encampment will consider that question and be ready to discuss it

thoroughly at the next National Encampment so that it can go on record either for a larger Review or for some other method of meeting the demand for a paper.

Coming to you Comrades from the National Capital I take it that you will be interested in the state of the Key or Crago Bill. That bill as you probably know has been committed to the Senate Committee. It now provides that all widows, both of the Civil War and the Spanish-American War who were married prior to the passage of the Act shall be put upon the same basis. The Committee has reported the bill favorably to the Senate of the United States.

The work that this great Department has done has accomplished much towards getting that bill out of the Senate Committee and through the House of Representatives, we can now work all together with a long pull and a strong pull and we believe that the Senate of the United States will pass the bill at this session. We ask that this Department go on record again and again, and that each Camp go on record at its first meeting on your return to your homes, and that assistance be given us in Washington from now until the adjournment of Congress and we believe that the bill will successfully pass both Houses of Congress. (Applause.)

Comrades, I have been receiving during the past year the earnest, efficient and able support of this Department. I have been given the most business-like support of any administration that any Department has ever given. I have been given this by the present officers of this Department. (Cheers.) Comrade Parker has responded immediately to every call that we have made upon him. He has helped us in every way. All the work which has been done by this Department, has, as I said before, done much not only in behalf of the Key Bill but in building our Organization up. I trust that the Comrade who leaves the office of Department Commander within the next two days shall not, in the heat of election, be forgotten by the Comrades. I want to testify here and now to his able and conscientious work during the past year and to all the work of all the Comrades of this great Department, and I only ask their continued support until the National Encampment at Louisville, and I think that at that time we shall be able to report the success of the Key Bill. (Applause.)

The band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

COMRADE STRACHEN:

Comrades, it is with pleasure that I now turn over the emblem of authority to your Department Commander, Ralph H. Parker. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (in the Chair):

Comrades, your Department Commander has only a couple of days more to serve, but two appointments have not as yet been filled and I am going to announce them now and confirm them later by Special Order. The two Color Sergeants will be Comrade George McCune of Camp No. 2 and Comrade Michael F. McNamara of Camp No. 59. If they will kindly advance the Colors we will receive them. (The Encampment stood at attention while the Colors were brought to the front and saluted.)

I now declare the Eleventh Annual Department Encampment of the Department of New York open in due form.

I recognize Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SIMMONS:

Department Commanders, I move you that this stated Convention of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York endorse the administration and the policies of Commander-in-Chief John Lewis Smith.

COMRADE LAUBY, Camp No. 21:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

You have heard the motion, Comrades.

So ORDERED.

COMRADE LAUBY:

Comrade Commander, in order to expedite matters and not to leave the bulk of certain portions of our work until the very last day, I move you that the same procedure as is used in the nomination and election of officers at the National Convention obtain at this and all succeeding conventions of this Department.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If you will change that motion to read something like this: "That the procedure as laid down in the Rules and Regulations

for the National Encampment be followed as closely as possible," it would be in order.

Comrade Lauby agrees to this.

Motion put in amended form.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WALL:

I rise on a point of information as to whether this Encampment is organized properly for business. For unless we have unanimous consent on this matter I shall call a point of order. If there is unanimous consent I shall —

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

You have heard the point of order raised, Comrades. Is there any objection to the motion?

Department Commander repeats the motion as above in regard to procedure to be followed.

Have you any objection to my taking a vote on that under unanimous consent?

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MAURICE SIMMONS:

Department Commander, I suggest, while not indicating my approval or opposition, I suggest that the matter of such a kind be postponed for the afternoon session until all the Delegates are here; I, therefore, move you that this be postponed until the beginning of the afternoon session.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Do you object (to the last speaker)?

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MAURICE SIMMONS:

"Yes."

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

That brings up a point of order which is accepted by the Chair that it cannot be taken until we have the Convention organized.

COMRADE LAUBY:

May I be understood that I am at liberty to make the same motion at the afternoon session?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Oh, yes. Certainly. If you will now just tolerate for a few moments until the Auxiliary has an opportunity to retire. (Members of the Auxiliary file out of the Armory.)

Now, Comrades, the first order of business is the report of the Committee on Credentials. (Is the Department Marshal in the room?)

PAST COMMANDER WOODHULL, Old Guard No. 19:

I move you, Comrade Commander, that from now on until the close of this Encampment that no one be allowed upon the Convention floor other than those duly authenticated and that every Delegate must be seated or get off the floor.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The motion is not necessary because that will be the procedure of this Convention.

A Comrade from Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48:

I move we adjourn. Duly seconded.

Encampment adjourned at noon, to meet again at 2 P. M.





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**FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION**

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**July 6, 1914**





Department Senior Vice-Commander OLIVER E. ILER.





## FIRST DAY

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### Afternoon Session — July 6, 1914

At 2:55 P. M. letters and telegrams which had gathered at Headquarters and elsewhere for the Members and Delegates were distributed from the platform.

Department Officers were invited to take seats on the platform.

Department Vice-Commander O. E. Iller and Department Surgeon Ross complied with above.

Department Commander called the Encampment to order, and recognized Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons.

#### PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SIMMONS:

Department Commander, permit me to say a word on a resolution I wish to offer before we enter into the formal business of the Encampment. It is concerning the death of one of our most distinguished Comrades. I shall read it. Here it is:

Resolutions offered by Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons.

WHEREAS, the Invisible Messenger has just summoned General Garland N. Whistler from life's beleaguered encampment to the eternal standard of the Lord of Hosts, and

WHEREAS, our loving and lovable comrade, in whose veins ran the red blood of heroic ancestors, which has crimsoned all the battlefields of our Republic, gave all that was in him to the service of the colors through boyhood and manhood in war and in peace, applying the ripe fruits of his intellect to the perfection of plans for our national defence, and in the arena of peace, fearlessly and self-sacrificially battled for civic betterment and purity in public affairs, and brought to the councils of our Organization his quickening inspiration and matured wisdom, building for himself in our heart of hearts an immortal monument to his life and works; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved:* That the Eleventh Annual Department Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, in regular Convention duly assembled this sixth day of July, 1914, in the City of Schenectady, in the State of New York, does hereby give expression to its sense of irreparable loss

at his death, and record its appreciation of his loving and lifelong labors for his country and his Comrades; and be it furthermore

*Resolved:* That the Adjutant of the Department of New York convey a copy of these resolutions to the stricken family of the soldier, the scholar and the patriot, Garland N. Whistler.

I ask that this resolution be adopted by a rising vote and ask the Comrades to stand at attention for a brief period as a token of respect. (Encampment stood at attention as a token of respect.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Just a moment; is the Department Trumpeter here? Will the Trumpeter take the rear of the room? Comrade Morris Isaacs of Camp No. 4 sounds taps.

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER ILER:

I ask the special privileges of the floor, and I move you, Department Commander, that we pay the same tribute of respect to the nineteen heroes who lost their lives in Vera Cruz, Mexico.

COMRADE IRVING COON, Commander of Camp No. 31:

Department Commander, as Commander of Colonel Eugene Griffin Camp No. 31, I would like to say that we have so far forgotten Colonel Eugene Griffin, and I move you, sir, that his name be included.

COMRADE H. C. SCHMALZ, Camp No. 33:

I make a motion that we also include Comrade Joseph Remmer, first Commander of Camp No. 33.

COMRADE MCCOY, Camp No. 59:

I move you, sir, with all due respect to the movers of the motion, that an amendment to this effect be passed: That the tribute of respect about to be paid shall include all Comrades who have passed away since the Tenth Annual Department Encampment.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any objection to the amendment being included in the original motion? (To the mover of the original motion.) Do you accept the amendment? ("Yes.")

The amended motion was put and Carried.

Comrade Morris Isaacs of Camp No. 4 proceeded to the rear of the room and again sounded taps as a tribute of respect to the

memory of the nineteen heroes who lost their lives in Vera Cruz, Mexico, Colonel Eugene Griffin and all other Comrades who had died since the Tenth Department Encampment.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

*Comrades:* Let me ask you right at the beginning of this session, if the Delegates will kindly sit over on this side (indicating), and the non-Delegates over there (indicating), and their lady friends in the balcony, it will be much appreciated by the Marshals; also, if the Delegates will wear their cards on the outside of their coats, or in some other conspicuous place where it can be easily seen.

The Encampment will come to order.

I want, as the first order of business, to appoint a Committee on Resolutions. They will be as follows:

Past Commander Garrett V. Johnson, Camp No. 11, Chairman; Past Commander William T. Hunt, Camp No. 3; Commander Paul Stobbe, Camp No. 1; Commander William E. White, Camp No. 4; Commander Thomas F. Provoost, Camp No. 12.

I do not know as it is necessary to appoint a Committee on Appeals and Grievances until something comes up. So I shall refrain from appointing any Committee on Appeals and Grievances unless it is necessary.

The first order of business is the report of the Credential Committee. Comrade Gilbert, will you see if the Credential Committee have a report of any kind?

COMRADE SPOLDERS:

Will you kindly announce where the Committee can meet so that if any Comrade has any resolution to offer he may know where to present it to the Committee? If you will name some part of the Armory where they can go it will be a good thing.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (to Past Commander Johnson):

Suppose you get your Committee together and a place where they can work, and so eliminate a lot of discussion by bringing up unprepared matters before the Body?

Comrade William Jones, Department Adjutant, starts to read a report of the Credential Committee. (Interruption.)



COMRADE DRISCOLL, Camp No. 40:

I would suggest that the reading of the names of the different Camps be eliminated, except where there is a contest, and where any question arises; in such cases that the Comrades of those Camps will arise and make their objections.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any objection to that suggestion?

COMRADE JONES, Department Adjutant:

Department Commander, up to date at the present time no question has arisen as to any Comrade's right to vote.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

They do not agree with the suggestion.

COMRADE HARNEY, Camp No. 1:

As a member of Manhattan Camp I would like to hear read the names of the delegates from our Camp.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Number one requests the names of the delegates from that Camp. (Comrade Jones, Department Adjutant, reads them.)

COMRADE HARNEY, Camp No. 1:

One of our delegates has been called away to the city of New York—in fact he went last night; he had to go on account of sickness in his family. Now, we do not expect that Comrade will be back; but we do expect that we shall have an alternate to fill the vacancy created by his absence and I move the substitution of an alternate from Manhattan Camp No. 1 to take his place.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Has the Credential Committee refused to accept the substitution.

COMRADE JONES:

Comrade Commander the Committee claims that no vacancy exists. The Committee claims that inasmuch as the delegate has qualified and presented his credentials and credentials have been issued to him—at the present time the opinion of the Judge Advocate is being asked upon that point and he is working on it now; and, therefore, I ask that action be deferred.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

See what the advice of the Department Judge Advocate is; and if it is not satisfactory, bring it up before the Encampment.

COMRADE HARNEY:

Yes, but we cannot wait until the end of the Encampment. We are now nearly at the end of the first day, and the Chairman of the Credential Committee assumes that one of our delegates I have mentioned assumes that Comrade Cowle is qualified. I don't see how he could qualify until the report is adopted by this Convention. There are none of our delegates have qualified yet. We saw him go away on the train and we know why he went.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Committee have refused to fill the place?

COMRADE HARNEY:

Yes.

COMRADE JONES:

I have not refused to give that man his credentials.

COMRADE HARNEY:

I move that this matter be laid on the table until we receive the report of the Judge Advocate.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It has been regularly moved and seconded that this matter be laid on the table.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

When is this going to be taken up?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

You can call it from the table whenever you want to. (Rising vote is called for and the "Ayes" have it.)

The "Ayes" have it and the matter is laid on the table.

COMRADE O'TOOLE, Camp No. 35:

Is there a comrade named O'Ross from Wheeler Camp a Delegate here.

COMRADE JONES:

What is the name, Comrade? No. no Delegates have registered of that name.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I am only just assured that the report shall be laid on the table until the report of the Judge Advocate be rendered.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: (Repeats the motion and puts the question again.)

Carried by the "Ayes," and so ordered.

COMRADE JONES:

The Department Judge Advocate has ruled that upon conclusive proof that the Delegate has left the city, the Camps may elect an Alternate to fill his vacancy; but there must be conclusive proof that he has left the city.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Department Judge Advocate will now render the decision that has just been discussed.

DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE:

This question has been given to me rather suddenly and I have decided that although the Credential Committee has given to that Delegate his credentials, that if that Delegate has gone and does not intend to take part in the proceedings of this Convention, this Encampment on account of that act of his should not deprive his Camp of representation here. But that on proof by the Camp to the Credential Committee that that Delegate is no longer a Delegate here and cannot and will not take any part in the proceedings of this Convention or this Encampment, that they are entitled to place an alternate in his place in order that they may have the full representation to which they are entitled. (Applause.)

COMRADE STOBBE:

What proof does the Credential Committee require?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

You will have to see the Credential Committee about that.

COMRADE STOBBE:

He left the stub of his credential card here.

COMRADE JONES:

I presume that if any Commander comes up and gives us his word that the Delegate in question has left the City, it is good enough. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I presume Comrade Stobbe understands the situation now, does he?

COMRADE STOBBE:

Yes, I understand.

COMRADE SPOLDERS, Camp No. 49:

I rise to make a motion; and my motion is this: That after the Credential Committee has made a report that if any Delegate leaves the city no Alternate shall be substituted in his place.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrade Spolders, do you want to put that motion?

COMRADE SPOLDERS:

Yes, I put that motion.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

The Comrade is out of order.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

What is your point of order?

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

The decision of the Judge Advocate was sufficient for every Comrade in the Convention, and was sufficient to cover all Comrades that attend this Convention.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will accept your point of order, because the Judge Advocate has made a decision and the only appeal that I see from that decision would be to the Judge Advocate General.

COMRADE CARROLL, Camp No. 73:

I think the Comrade Commander and some of the other Comrades as well have misunderstood the effect of the decision. The Judge Advocate has just given us an opinion on a particular case, and it is not of general application; and therefore, I think the ruling of the Chair is out of order.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Apparently the Encampment has misunderstood the Judge Advocate, and he wants to set you clear on his decision.

THE JUDGE ADVOCATE:

I can only repeat the words I used before. They may have been misunderstood. The situation was perfectly clear in my own mind on the facts as they were given to me. I understood at the time the question as it was put to me in another room was that this Delegate was unable to take part in this Convention of this Encampment; that he had left the town, not only left it but left it before the opening of any session, before any of the Delegates had taken any part in the work of the Convention; and I ruled that by that act, although the Credential Committee had handed his card to him, that by that act his Camp should not be deprived of representation in this Encampment. I did not hold, nor did I mean to hold, nor do I hold now that a Camp may shift Delegates — that a Camp may have one come here and place others in the Convention. I think there must be a line drawn somewhere, whereby the Delegates are Delegates and can be recognized as thus representing their Camps here.

Do you all understand me fully now? (Pause of a minute or so.) Is that in any way different from what you understood me to say a moment ago?

A COMRADE:

I request that my motion be read.

(Reporter reads the motion of the Comrade who desired it). If the Reporter will read the report he will see that no report of the Delegates — (Interruption).

COMRADE GEO. L. ALEXANDER, Camp No. 11:

I move we proceed with the business of the Encampment.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

That will be the reports of Officers and Committees.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM, Camp No. 2:

May I ask the Judge Advocate through the Chair, although he may not be familiar with the matter, that at previous Encampments year in and year out, where a Delegate has been called away

they have been even on the eleventh hour, had their alternates substitute for them in order to give the Camp its proper representation on the floor of the Encampment. That is the custom year in and year out.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Rules and Regulations specifically state that after a Comrade has been seated, if he leaves the Convention, he loses his vote.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

May I ask the Chair that if one Delegate has to go away does that Camp have that representation?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Are you asking for the ruling of the Chair? The Chair is not ruling on that until it gets an opinion from the Committee.

COMRADE JONES (Chairman Credential Committee):

In answer to that we may say that the Committee has been taking the signature of the men who qualify. If the Alternate qualifies he is regarded as a Delegate.

COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

Department Commander, are we not wasting a lot of time over a matter that has not arisen? That question may not arise during this Convention. Had we not better await until we come to that bridge before we cross it?

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

I think the remarks just made by the Past Commander-in-Chief are very apt; and I will answer Past Commander Cunningham through the Chair, the question he asks. The question asked me was whether the Alternates can be placed in the seat of the man who went home? I have held that he might. And that seems to be the only question that I was called upon to decide at that time. Any explanation that I have made is outside of that ruling; and I have no desire to say anything or do anything (by an ill-considered remark or otherwise), to in any way change anything in the least from what the Rules and Regulations require, or to change the practice that may have been followed in the past Encampments. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN P. J. GUILFOYLE, OF SYRACUSE:

Department Commander and Comrades: It seems to me that a great deal of our valuable time has been taken up by useless discussion of matters that ought not to be allowed to occupy this time. We have been given a decision upon this matter by the Department Judge Advocate of New York, and if he were not capable of being able to render a decision on the question he would not have held that position he now holds in the community he lives in. We have got to place our faith in the decision of men placed in positions of that kind. The ruling upon this question seems to me to be fair; and why hold up this Convention on technicalities and keeping us all here when we ought to be doing business that is so necessary to transact? (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now listen to the Department Senior Vice Commander's report.

COMRADE FREDENREICH, Albany, N. Y. Camp No. 28:

Point of order! When we were at the Encampment at Poughkeepsie we passed a resolution that the officers of the outgoing administration would submit their report to the incoming Encampment. And again at Binghamton we had the same thing. We passed the same resolutions there or those having the same intent and effect. Some of the officers at that time did do it. Now, I rise to the point of order and object to the reports of the officers being read at this point; that we as a body at the Encampment in Binghamton passed resolutions that the outgoing Department Commanders should submit their reports in writing, as well as all the outgoing officers; that they should publish it; and I object to the officers of the outgoing administration to submit their reports from the roster. (Resumes his seat.)

Just a moment again! At the Syracuse Convention all the Comrades of the Department at that time submitted their reports to the Department Officers in a bulletin form.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

At what Encampment?

COMRADE WM. S. FREDENRICH, Camp No. 28:

At the Syracuse Encampment. All except two. They did not submit their report, but spoke it from the rostrum. And I object.

COMRADE MICHAEL F. McNAMARA, Camp No. 59:

I call upon Past Department Commander Herrick for an explanation of that.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is Past Department Commander Herrick in the room?

COMRADE FREDENRICH, Camp No. 28:

There is no reason for an explanation.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (addressing Comrade Herrick):

The point of order has been raised here that all the reports were printed at the Syracuse Encampment except two, and that they were read contrary to a resolution passed by a previous Encampment. The point of order has been raised that the outgoing administration should not read its reports from the floor of the Encampment. The question we wish to have answered is: What was the reason the two officers' reports were not included in your printed reports?

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HERRICK:

The statement was made that the two officers in question could not get their reports in in time — you, yourself, because you had to visit Haverstraw Camp, and you could not get it in; and the others could not get them in. I want to say that there were other men running for office at that time and I would hate to see it go into our records, the remarks just made by this Comrade that they "were running for office."

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I move that the remark, "the two Comrades were running for office," be excluded from the official report of the proceedings of this Encampment.

A COMRADE:

I second the motion.



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It has been regularly moved and seconded that the remark that "the two officers were running for office" be stricken from the minutes.

So ordered.

COMRADE WOODHULL, Camp No. 19:

I move you, sir, that we proceed with the reports of the Department Officers.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Just a moment, please, Comrade Cullinane, till I place the motion.

COMRADE CULLINANE:

Department Commander, the motion is out of order.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

This Comrade has raised a point of order.

COMRADE CULLINANE, Camp No. 46:

At our Encampment at Binghamton, you know there was a vote taken that all these reports should be submitted and printed. It has not been done, and why should we have to listen to them being read from the rostrum when they were ordered to be printed?

COMRADE GARRAHY, Camp No. 98:

Does the action of a previous encampment cover this body here to-day? (Cries of "Yes" and cries of "No.")

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It is useless to keep on this way. I will put it to a vote.

COMRADE WOODHULL, Camp No. 19:

That motion is already before the House.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Puts the motion again.

COMRADE FREDENRICH, Camp No. 28:

We are here to do business in this Convention. We all come here to do business. We did this business in Binghamton — we started at Poughkeepsie. We could carry it out there. What is the use of us doing a thing and then casting it aside? We passed a

resolution to have them printed so as to obviate all this unnecessary waste of time that we are taking up now; and why go on and read your reports from the station now?

COMRADE WOODHULL, Camp No. 19:

I rise to ask the Department Commander how in the name of the Almighty we can do business if we have no printed reports and we do not listen to any reports of the past year?

COMRADE McNAMARA, Camp No. 59:

As an amendment to that motion I offer another that we rescind the action taken at Binghamton, New York.

COMRADE FREDENRICH:

That's a nice state of affairs. If you are going to run a Convention run it on the "level."

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

An amendment has been offered. (Let me hear that again, Comrade McNamara, please?)

COMRADE McNAMARA:

"That the action taken at Binghamton regarding the printing of reports be rescinded."

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Who seconded that amendment? (No answer.) The amendment is out of order and cannot be accepted. We are on the question of accepting the officers' reports that have not been printed.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

As long as those officers have not submitted their printed reports, I move you, sir, that the reports be read from the rostrum.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Are you speaking on the motion?

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

Yes, sir.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Well, then, don't make another one, please.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I moved that we have the reports read from the rostrum.

(Cries of "Question.")

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER :

The question has been called for. That shuts off debate. We now decide whether we vote on the original question; and when you carry this question it means that you are going to cut off debate and vote on the original question.

The motion on being put was carried.

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER :

All those in favor of having the reports read that are not printed will signify by the usual sign.

Motion carried.

The Department Senior Vice-Commander will now read his report.

**Report of Senior Vice-Commander.**

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 29, 1914.

*To the Officers and Members of the Eleventh Annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York.*

Having the honor of being elected to the office of Senior Vice Department Commander held in the city of Syracuse, June 23-26, 1913, I beg to submit the following as my report :

The office of Senior Vice Commander, although second highest in the Department, has no specific work laid down for it. I have tried to fill the office to the best of my ability and have done as near to my duty in filling that office as possible.

During my year of stewardship in this office, I have received about 150 letters, and have sent out 200 letters. Installed the officers of Seyburn Liscum Camp, No. 12, of Buffalo, N. Y., making this trip from Poughkeepsie to Buffalo for that purpose. I found the Camp in a very flourishing condition and the prospects for a prosperous year, with its new officers, looked very bright, and at the time of my rendering this report I can say the officers installed by me worthy of their positions.

From Buffalo I journeyed to New York City, where I installed the officers of David Wilson Camp No. 59. The Comrades I installed at that Camp have proved themselves good officers and well worthy of the election, and the Camp to-day is in a very flourishing condition.

It has been my privilege and pleasure during my year as Senior Vice Commander to visit about twenty Camps throughout the

Department. Some of these Camps I had the pleasure of visiting while holding the office of Department Inspector, and in those Camps I can see a great improvement by the interest shown by the Comrades in their work. On all my visits to the various Camps I was received with all honors due my office and entertained in a royal comradely way to which I, at this time, extend my hearty thanks for the same.

I had the honor of attending the Maine Memorial Services, held by Colonel John Jacob Astor Camp No. 98, which was a great success. Not only an honor to the Camp, but to the Department of New York, and the Camp is to be congratulated on its great success.

The Department of New York again honored itself at the burial of the Vera Cruz heroes. Turned out in City Hall park, between four and five hundred men, mostly uniformed. As the Department Commander and some of his staff was in the procession, your Senior Vice Department Commander was in charge. The excellent showing made on that occasion was an honor to the Department and will long be remembered.

I had the pleasure of attending the National Encampment held in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., which we are safe in saying this was the best National Encampment ever held, and great credit is due our Comrades of that city for the successful way they carried on the Encampment and the entertainment they provided for the visiting Comrades.

I feel we are about to close one of the most successful years in the history of the Department of New York. To the Department Commander, Ralph H. Parker, we owe a voice of gratitude and thanks as he has not spared himself, time or finance in promoting the best interest of our beloved Organization. He has officiated without fear of favor, to any one, with great success.

Our thanks should also be given to his Department Adjutant and Quartermaster, who have carried on the work of their respective offices with wonderful success and has helped make this administration what it has been. The Department Adjutant has accomplished the Card System which had long been needed to keep a record of all the members of the Department, beside every detail of his work has been carried out in an excellent manner, and he has been a great assistance to the administration.

In closing my report I wish to thank the Comrades for the assistance they have given me during my office of Senior Vice-Commander, and also for the honors they have conferred upon me for the last two years. First: electing me to the office of Department Inspector and then to the office of Department Senior Vice-Commander. I now retire from the office of Senior Vice-Commander and from all holding offices in the Department, but, as usual, will stand ready to assist in promoting the welfare of our beloved Organization whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Again thanking you for all honors,

Respectfully submitted in F. P. & H.,

O. E. ILER,

*Senior Vice-Department Commander.*

Report received with applause.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER :**

Will the members of the Resolutions Committee please meet the Chairman, Past Commander Johnson, of Camp No. 11, in room E, across the hall?

The Report of the Department Judge Advocate will now be read.

**Report of the Department Judge Advocate**

*To the Eleventh Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans:*

COMRADES:— I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Judge Advocate of this Department.

At the Tenth Annual Encampment, held at the city of Syracuse, N. Y., June 23rd, last, I was honored by an election to this office by the votes of the Comrades assembled after having been honored by a previous election to the office by your Council of Administration to fill an unexpired term.

Aside from a meeting with the members of the Legislative Committee of this Department at my offices in the city of Troy, on February 7th, last, during the last regular session of the Legislature my official duties have been chiefly of a routine character; in correspondence, in the examination of proposed by-laws and proposed amendments to existing by-laws of various Camps in



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this Department and in preparing and forwarding to Department Headquarters opinions on the various questions submitted to me.

The following are the chief matters submitted to me for consideration and on which I have prepared and submitted opinions:

Wherever original papers have been submitted to me for consideration they have been returned to Department Headquarters with my opinion thereon for action. All original correspondence of an official character is submitted herewith as part of this report.

By-laws and proposed by-laws or amendments have been submitted to me as follows:

By-laws of William McKinley Camp No. 62.

By-laws of Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11.

By-laws of Wallace F. Randolph Camp No. 27.

By-laws of Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73.

By-laws of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2.

By-laws of Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10.

By-laws of Bucky O'Neil Camp No. 15.

Proposed by-laws of Naval Camp No. 49.

I have also given my opinions in writing on the following questions:

Matter of return of dues from Camp of Comrade to Camp to which Comrade had been transferred.

Matter of use of term "Command" in place and stead of term "Camp." Right reserved in articles of agreement at time of Amalgamation under name of United Spanish War Veterans.

Matter of General Order 58 issued by Commissioner of Docks in New York City relative to pay of per diem employees on Memorial Day. Copy of opinion annexed and made part of this report.

Matter of Chapter 149 of the Laws of 1914, being an amendment of Section 2240 of the Penal Law providing punishment for the illegal wearing of the badge or button of our Order. Copy of opinion annexed and made part of this report.

Matter of section 22 of the Civil Service Law in relation to the right of a United Spanish War Veteran to preference in retention.

In this connection I would add that at the meeting of the Legislative Committee held at my office in the city of Troy on February 7, 1914, the question of the rights of a member of our Order was



discussed at length and there were divers opinions as to the status of a United Spanish War Veteran under the Civil Service Laws.

The preference in appointment given to a veteran of the Civil War by section 21 of the Civil Service Law is constitutional. Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution of this State provides that honorably discharged soldiers and sailors from the Army and Navy of the United States in the late Civil War, who are citizens and residents of this State, shall be entitled to preference in promotion, etc, and that "laws shall be made to provide for the enforcement of this section." The said section 21 of the Civil Service Law is a compliance with that constitutional provision.

The following section 22 of the Civil Service Law provides for certain preferences in retention, and it was chiefly in regard to the terms of section 22 that the discussions were had. There was an impression in the minds of some of the members of that Committee that our courts had decided adversely to the terms of section 22. Those who had received such impression kindly hunted up such cases as they had been told had adversely construed the section and sent the citations to me. I examined all such cases and other cases which I could find on the subject. I also had a personal interview with the Honorable John C. Birdseye, Secretary of the Civil Service Commission, and can say to you as I said in my opinion transmitted to Department Headquarters that the terms of section 22 of the Civil Service Law in reference to preference in retention has not been changed by judicial decision. All the cases to which reference was had had been those of some peculiar situation in regard to the section, but none of them decided against the right of a veteran. I was informed at the Civil Service Department that it was strange any such idea or rumor could have become current as no question was more frequently asked than the rights of veterans under that section and there had been no decision contrary to the terms thereof. Nothing further can be done in regard to preference in appointment of members of our Order until the coming Constitutional Convention.

Pursuant to requests by letter of our Department Commander I communicated officially with our Senators and our local representatives in Congress in reference to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Bill known as the Crago Bill, and received favorable replies which have been transmitted to Department Headquarters.

I further report that pursuant to authorization from Depart-

ment Headquarters I acted as installing officer and installed newly elected officers of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2 at the city of Troy, New York, on January 8, 1914, report of which I transmitted to Department Headquarters.

I find many of our Camps designated as Naval Camps, or by some title indicating that the Comrades therein are from some particular branch of the service or are engaged in some particular occupation or occupations. Some proposed by-laws submitted to me have set forth that such and such veterans are eligible to membership. None of them, however, have said that others were not eligible.

It may be well to state here that any person entitled to membership in our Organization is entitled to membership in any Camp, except those known as traveling Camps, whose membership under section 1 of article IV of the Regulations is confined to some one unit of Organization in the service.

In many by-laws and proposed by-laws submitted to me for opinion I have found provisions for compensation to Camp Officers in the way of remission of dues. It may save future trouble and misunderstanding if attention is called to the fact that all Comrades must pay dues. Camps may compensate officers or others for services by salaries equal to or even greater than the amount of dues, but they should require payment of dues from each and every Comrade.

We are a young Organization; how young we do not ourselves appreciate. We are weak as yet; how weak we do not ourselves understand, but our weakness is that of youth, the weakness of the young animal with all the potentiality of strength and power that will come with growth. We are only fairly started, and with a continuance of the earnestness and seriousness of our comrades now actively engaged I see in the future a larger brotherhood better organized and better equipped for the good work which is now resting on us as an obligation and for more we shall inherit. The patriotic work done by others in the past half century will be left in our charge. We will be the logical trustees of the dependents on the bounty of the Nation. The rights of the widows and orphans will be largely in our charge. Let us think seriously of the added responsibilities that time will bring, and by our acts prove to the people that the United Spanish War Veterans is not

a body of self-seekers but an Organization within whose ranks are the best men in the Country, seeking to do right, working earnestly for the good of all, for the honor of the Nation and for everything that pertains to Freedom, Patriotism, and Humanity.

Again I wish to give sincere thanks to the Comrades who have honored me by electing me to this high office and to all Comrades who have ever been ready to assist me in my duties. And in particular I wish to thank Department Commander Parker and Past Commander Cunningham for their readiness at all times to come to my assistance.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of July, 1914.

CALVIN S. McCHESNEY,  
*Department Judge Advocate.*

The following are copies of opinions annexed to Report:

TROY, N. Y., *June 19, 1914.*

DEAR COMRADE.— In reference to your communication of recent date concerning the rights of United Spanish War Veterans under Chapter 26 of the Laws of 1901 as amended by subsequent acts and with special reference to General Order 58 of the Commissioner of Docks under date May 23, 1914, I have the honor to report as follows:

By an Act of the Legislature passed in the session of 1875, the 30th day of May, known as Decoration Day, was first made a legal holiday in this State. It is a matter of common knowledge that for a considerable period of time thereafter it was not as universally observed as it is at present. In fact the observance of that day which is now known as Memorial Day has been of steady growth. The laws governing holidays have been changed from time to time and various questions have arisen in regard to rights under these various statutes.

In Chapter 614 the Laws of 1897 amending the Statutory Construction Law, and in Chapter 39 of the Laws of 1902 amending the Statutory Construction Law, there is the following language:

“The days and half days aforesaid shall be considered as the first day of the week commonly called Sunday and as public holidays or half holidays for all purposes whatsoever as regards transaction of business in the public offices of this State or counties of this State.”

This part of the Statutory Construction Law was afterwards placed in the General Construction Law where the holidays are now listed in Section 24. This Section 24 now stops just where the words I have heretofore quoted began and they are not repeated in the present statutes.

Outside of this language holidays have never been considered as Sundays for the transaction of business.

Morel v. Stearns, 37 Misc. 486, 488.

Page 1. Shainwald, 169 N. Y., 246.

In the latter case Judge Parker in his opinion states:

“ Indeed in only two respects has the Legislature attempted to interfere with the ordinary course of business, whether public or private, or a holiday other than Sunday. The first act provides that a negotiable instrument maturing on a holiday is payable on the next succeeding business day, and the second that holidays shall be considered as Sunday for all purposes whatsoever as regard the transaction of business *in the public offices* of the State or of the *counties* of the State.”

If the Dock Department be considered as a public office it would under the former statute make Memorial Day the same as Sunday therein. Although the language has been omitted in the present statute, in my opinion the intent is the same. In any event Memorial Day is placed on the same footing as Fourth of July and Christmas.

Assuming, however, that the Dock Department is not a public office, still its employees would not be any more expected to report for duty on Memorial Day than on any other holiday unless specially ordered to do so and unless so especially ordered a per diem employee could not expect to be paid for that day and unless a veteran were especially ordered to work on that day or belonged to a particular body of workmen called out for work on that day he could not claim pay.

It is probable that at the time the act was passed it was the custom to work on that day and veterans were thus prevented from participating in Memorial Day exercises unless they gave up their

day's pay. The passage of the act cured this but as the law stands at present, giving my opinion on the facts as I know them, I should advise per diem employees to not resort to the courts.

Yours in F. P. & H.,

CALVIN S. McCHESNEY,

*Department Judge Advocate.*

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, U. S. W. V.

*New York City.*

TROY, N. Y., June 17, 1914.

DEAR COMRADE.— I duly received the copy of the letter from Comrade Hamilton Ward to yourself with reference to Chapter 149 of the Laws of 1914, which you sent me, and have given it due consideration along the lines of our conference in relation thereto.

Chapter 149 of the Laws of 1914 is an amendment of subdivision 1 of Section 2240 of the Penal Code. The amendment made by this Act passed at the last session of our Legislature which became a law April 6, 1914, and which will take effect on the first day of September 1914, inserts in the statute as it stood the words "or the badge or button of an honorary member of the "Grand Army of the Republic," leaving the remainder of the subdivision as before.

As Comrade Ward states the language of the Section contains the words "badge or button of the Spanish War Veterans," being the language as originally drawn. As he suggests, it would be wise to have the section amended as the next session of the Legislature in order that the wording be made to conform to the actual name of our Organization. But even without such amendment or correction I believe the words "Spanish War Veterans" sufficiently definite as the organization which now exists contains the organization for which it was originally drawn.

While that interpretation may be debatable the statute also provides punishment for the unauthorized wearing of the button "of any society, order or organization of ten years standing in the State of New York."

I find in the report of proceedings of United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, First Annual Encampment, held at the City Hall, in the City of Albany, August, 1904, in the

address of the Department Commander, a statement that the Amalgamation Contract of the three Associations, to wit: The Spanish War Veterans, the Spanish American War Veterans and the Service Men of the Spanish War, dated April 18, 1904, was signed by the National Commander of each Association; that pursuant to this contract the National Commander, on June 27, 1904, issued a special order recognizing the corps officers of the New York State Corps of Spanish War Veterans as Department officers of the new amalgamated association.

Assuming this gives the correct dates the organization known as the United Spanish War Veterans is now, or will be on the 27th of this month, "an organization of ten years standing in the State of New York" and therefore entitled to the protection of the statute mentioned in regard to unauthorized wearing of the badge or button.

With assurance of my respect, I remain,

Yours in F. P. & H.,

CALVIN S. McCHESENEY,

*Department Judge Advocate.*

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

*166th Street and Franklin Avenue, New York City.*

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any objection to accepting the report of the Judge Advocate just rendered?

COMRADE WOODHULL:

I move you, sir, that it be the sense of this Convention that we give a rising vote to the Judge Advocate for his excellent work during the past year.

Department Commander puts the vote to the Encampment, which was carried unanimously, and the Judge Advocate has the expression of the Comrades conveyed to him.

We will now hear the report of the Department Inspector.\*

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\* In order to avoid breaking into the text of the said report which follows, the fact is noted here that a Comrade, during the reading thereof, moved "that the reading be suspended, and have it printed, and a copy sent to each Comrade." This motion was lost, on the voices. As the Department Inspector, Comrade Joel, had a severe cold and was too hoarse to be heard, Past Department Commander Cunningham of Troy read a great deal of the report for him. At the point where the ratings of Camps appears the Department Inspector again took hold of the report and continued to the end.

**Report of the Department Inspector***Department Commander and Comrades:*

I have the honor to submit my report as Department Inspector for the year 1913-1914.

To begin with I was handicapped by the resolution adopted at Atlantic City preventing me from appointing as District Inspectors other than Past or Present Commanders. My firm belief is that there are Comrades in the ranks better capable of filling the office of District Inspectors than some of the Past or Present Commanders for these reasons:

(1) A District Inspector must know something about bookkeeping. In examining the books of a Camp he must be in a position to know whether or not the Camp's books are kept in good order.

(2) A Commander may be proficient in presiding over a Camp but may know absolutely nothing about books.

Notwithstanding my handicap I am proud to say that this is the first year every Camp in the Department of New York has been inspected.

This required a great amount of work and where one Inspector failed to do his duty others were selected to fill his place and it is with deep regret that Comrades who have held high Department positions utterly failed to do their duty in inspecting, answering letters, or telegrams.

In inspecting Camps, my District Inspectors were informed to leave all friendly feeling for a Camp outside the door, and to report the inspection just as they found it.

That has been my main object — to perform my duties, according to the oath administered to me at Syracuse. If my report does not meet with the approval of some Camps, it is not my fault but their own. I have tried to be just and fair and have thrown aside all personal ambition to do justice to all.

If my efforts meet with your approval that is all the reward I ask.



Department Inspector ISAAC JOEL







CAMPS

This Department is composed of eighty-three Camps, one of which, the John Jacob Astor Camp, No. 98, having been added the past year. Five Camps have gone out of existence, viz:

- Francis V. Greene, No. 64, North Tonawanda.
- W. Cary Sanger, No. 57, Ogdensburg.
- Hoosic Comp, No. 63, Hoosic Falls.
- New Utrecht, No. 77, Brooklyn.
- Esmond, No. 88, Fulton.

No. 1: Manhattan Camp of New York City, one of the largest Camps in the Department. Bookkeeping in the past not up to the standard, but has greatly improved during the present administration. Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster are hard workers. Have a membership of 411; a loss of 26 since last inspection. Condition, prospects excellent.

No. 2: M. D. Russell Camp of Troy, has a membership of 105, a gain of 10 over last inspection. The major part of the Camp officers have committed the Ritual to memory. Have none on the delinquency list, the Camp as a whole acting on that Committee. Prospects bright for the future.

No. 3: T. H. Barber Camp of Binghamton failed to be inspected last year. Has a membership of 155, and 134 in good standing. Gained by muster 22; by transfer, 4; reinstatement, 8; which shows activity. The names of William T. Hunt and Wood are deserving of great credit for their untiring efforts in helping the Department Inspector, where other Inspectors had failed in their duties. The Officers and Comrades are ever ready to assist the Department when called upon.

No. 4: William H. Hubbell Comp of Brooklyn has a membership of 269, a gain of 3 over last inspection; all in good standing. Have a building fund of over \$3,000, and they are very particular who they take in. Under the able management of its Commander for two terms, ably assisted by its Officers, this Camp is bound to hold first place in the organization.

No. 5: Gloucester Naval Camp of Brooklyn, are using the old Ritual. Have a membership of 64; last inspection showed 135 on the Roster; 80 in good standing. Number of Charter members, 105. General fund, \$18.55. No activity shown.

No. 6: Hon. S. E. Sanford Camp of Amsterdam has a membership of 24, all in good standing, 22 of these participating on Memorial Day. Officers do not know the Ritual. Have no seal. Date of Charter not known, same having been destroyed by fire along with other records several years ago. The present Charter was issued by Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons on December 23, 1911, as a substitute for the original.

No. 7: Niagara Falls Camp of Niagara Falls has a membership of 68, all in good standing. Expended \$243.25 for relief, and has \$384.50 in bank. It is in good condition, but has not gained any recruits since last inspection. Ritual partly memorized.

No. 8: William R. Carmer Comp of Mount Vernon has a membership of 43, a loss of 7 from last inspection. No interest taken in recruiting. Balance in treasury, \$108.23. Camp property, \$308.08. Cemetery plot, \$864, making a total of \$1,280.31. Liabilities: \$100 on cemetery plot, which has been paid since inspection. A great deal of dissatisfaction is shown, owing to ill-feeling which exists between the Camp and the Auxliliary. This is the Home Camp of the Department Inspector. Last year's rating, excellent. This year's, fair.

No. 9: W. A. Wilson Camp of Glens Falls has a membership of 40, 34 in good standing. Of these 35 turned out Decoration Day. Officers have not memorized the Ritual.

No. 10: Theodore Roosevelt Camp of New York City has a membership of 126, all in good standing, a gain over last inspection of 25. Have a capital of \$2,014.40. Quartermaster bonded for \$3,000. Charges \$6 per annum for dues. In a healthy condition and Comrades working all the time for the benefit of the Order.

No. 11: General Eugene Griffin Camp of Schenectady, has a membership of 118, a loss of 4 since last inspection. Officers have committed the Ritual to memory. Mustering in is excellent. Since January 1, 1914, Camp has paid relief money amounting to \$12 to Comrades of the Camp; and to Veterans not members \$487.10. General condition and prospects are excellent.

No. 12: Seyburn-Liscum Camp of Buffalo has a membership of 293 members, a gain of 65 since last inspection. Has a balance of \$702.83 in bank; Camp property, \$700. All orders complied

with. Quartermaster bonded for \$500. Prospects excellent. Would recommend increase in Quartermaster's bond.

No. 14: Fourteenth Regiment Camp of Brooklyn has a membership of 130, a gain of 9 since last inspection. The Officers are all hard workers, and the success of the Camp is assured. The Charter under which this Camp is working was issued to A. E. Kline Camp No. 12. The question arises whether this Camp should be recognized as the A. E. Kline Camp No. 12, or the Fourteenth Regiment Camp. They also held a Charter under the latter name, I believe. It is up to the Department Commander to straighten out this matter. This condition has existed for several years. Condition and prospects of this Camp are excellent.

No. 15: Bucky O'Neil Camp of Buffalo, N. Y., has a membership of 179, a gain of 55 since last inspection. It is in a fine condition, with a capital of \$217.68. Officers know the Ritual and mustering-in ceremonies. The condition and prospects of this Camp are excellent.

No. 16: Admiral Schley Camp of Brooklyn, has a membership of 121, of which 110 are in good standing, which is a loss of 8 since last inspection. Officers have not committed the Ritual to memory, except the Chaplain. All books of the Adjutant not complete. On account of the stagnation of interest taken toward increase of membership, rating fair.

No. 17: Major General R. P. Hughes Camp of Buffalo, has a membership of 76, all in good standing,, a gain of 40 over last inspection; 26 by muster; 2 by transfer; 10 by reinstatement. Condition and prospects, good. Recommend that Hughes and O'Neil Camps consolidate for the benefit of the Order. Conditions and prospects, fair.

No. 18: Admiral Phillips Camp of Brooklyn, has a membership of 52 in good standing, a gain of 6 over last inspection, which showed 46 in good standing and 63 on the register. As this is the only colored Camp now in the Department (Chrispus Attucks Camp having gone out of existence) they have a large field to recruit from, and the Officers are requested to get busy. Condition, good; prospects, good.

No. 19: Old Guard Camp of New York City, has a membership of 148, all in good standing, which is a gain of 25 over last

inspection. Poor attendance at inspection. Officers and Comrades enthusiastic in the work of the Order. Condition and prospects are excellent.

No. 20: Joseph A. Decker Camp of Stapleton, has a membership of 140, all in good standing, a gain of 4 over last inspection. General condition and prospects excellent.

No. 21: General H. W. Lawton Camp of Brooklyn, has a membership of 58, all in good standing; a loss of 5 since last inspection. No activity shown in recruiting. Condition and prospects are good.

No. 22: Capron Camp of Brooklyn, has a membership of 27, a gain of 4 since last inspection. Officers have Ritual partly memorized. Have a stamp in place of a seal. Recommend that this Camp consolidate with a larger Camp, there being no reason for the existence for such a small Camp in Brooklyn. Condition, good; and prospects, fair.

No. 23: New York City Camp of New York City, has a membership of 65, a gain of 1 since last inspection. Two Officers absent during the mustering-in of two recruits. The Officers are not proficient in the mustering-in ceremonies. They all seem to take a deep interest in the Organization. Condition, good; and prospects, good.

No. 24: Colonel H. W. Hubbell Camp of New York City, membership in good standing 83, a gain of 3. Books of Adjutant and Quartermaster kept fairly well. Charter not displayed at inspection night of this Camp meeting in temporary quarters. Condition good. Officers active; general interest, lively; with an increase of rating from fair at last inspection to good at the present one.

No. 25: L. B. Smith Camp of Rochester was not inspected last year. Number on roster, 152; in good standing, 151; gained by muster, 17; by transfer, 2; by reinstatement, 16; have two charters displayed in Camp rooms. L. B. Smith Camp 53, S. W. V., 39 charter members, dated 1900; and L. B. Smith Camp, U. S. W. V., 248 charter members dated May 4, 1905. Capital on hand, \$450.88; own a cemetery plot valued at \$426; furniture, etc., \$513.50. Pay \$65 a year rental. The activity of the American Veterans of Foreign Service is responsible for

the small membership compared to the charter members. The commander is active and hopes in a short time to overcome the trouble caused by the Foreign Service men. Thanks to the District Inspector, George A. Markham, of Buffalo, for his excellent and itemized report on the condition of this Camp.

No. 26: Robert C. Anderson Camp of Oswego was not inspected last year. Number on roster and in good standing 47, of which 40 were present at inspection. Membership increased by muster, 20; by transfer, 4. This increase in membership is attributed to the fact that this Camp charges only \$1 muster fee and \$1.50 dues per annum. They have \$38.84 in the treasury. Have only two men in uniform. Officers have partly memorized the Ritual. Camp has no seal. Condition good; prospects good.

No. 27: Wallace F. Randolph Camp of Yonkers has a membership of 46, all in good standing, a gain of 5 since last inspection. Report does not show how many Comrades were gained by muster, transfer, nor reinstatement, nor does it show the losses, with the exception of one by death. Officers partly memorize the Ritual. Condition good; prospects good.

No. 28: Captain F. R. Palmer Camp of Albany has a membership of 122, all in good standing, a gain of 21 over the last inspection. Officers have partly memorized the Ritual. Have a capital of \$743.33, and have paid out as relief \$843.36 last year. Business conducted slow, and long drawn out. Conditions good and prospects excellent.

No. 29: W. S. Overton, Jr. Camp of Whitestone, has a membership of 31, all in good standing, a loss of 4 since last inspection. No interest in recruiting taken. Very little improvement shown in this Camp over the inspection of last year. Condition fair; prospects fair.

No. 30: Neptune Naval Camp of Brooklyn has a membership of 48, all in good standing, a gain of 1 since last inspection. Shows a charter membership of 186. Camps 48 and 49 have been formed from this Camp. One officer has memorized the Ritual. Camp has no seal or new Rituals. A little ginger is needed to awaken enthusiasm. Condition fair and prospects fair.

No. 31: Griffin Engineers' Camp of New York City has a membership of 48, all in good standing, a gain of 5 since last in-

spection. Officers have not memorized the Ritual. Discipline and the conducting of business is fair.

No. 32: A. C. Weller Camp of Middletown has a membership of 21, all in good standing, a loss of 11 since last inspection. Only 3 Comrades, including Officers, present at the inspection. Amount of muster fee, \$1; annual dues, \$2. Books not audited. No recruits taken for the past 5 years. Condition bad; prospects worse.

No. 33: Emerson H. Liscum Camp of Utica has a membership of 38, all in good standing, of which 35 were present at the inspection, showing a gain of 4 since last inspection. Have a capital of \$200. It is in good condition, increasing in membership, and prospects are excellent.

No. 34: H. J. Reilly Camp of Brooklyn has a membership of 46, 44 of which are in good standing against a membership of 57 and 40 in good standing at last inspection; a gain of 2 in good standing and a loss of 11 in membership. Officers have partly memorized the Ritual. Condition good and prospects good.

No. 35: O. Ross Wheeler Camp of Utica has a membership of 33, all in good standing. Three Officers, including Comrades, present at inspection. Have \$17.11 in the treasury. Have had great difficulty in having this Camp inspected. Report on last inspection recommended this Camp consolidated Camp No. 33. I recommend the same this year and trust some action will be taken to bring these Camps together. Conditions bad and prospects worse.

No. 36: Defendam Camp of New York City has a membership of 75, all in good standing. Nothing on inspection report to show where the increase came from with the exception of 1 by reinstatement, which was offset by 1 death, though the inspection of last year showed 81 on roster and 64 in good standing. Ritual partly memorized. Ledger not kept well. Capital \$128.64, not kept in bank. General conditions of this Camp fair; prospect good.

No. 37: Norman W. Crosby Camp of New Rochelle has a membership of 44, all in good standing. Last year's inspection showed same result. Condition good and prospects good.

No. 38: Guy V. Henry Camp of New York City has a membership of 103, all in good standing, showing a loss of 1 since last inspection. This does not correspond with inspection report, which shows 8 mustered in and 1 reinstated. Officers partly memorized Ritual. Have \$284 in bank, and expended \$480 for relief. Condition and prospects good.

No. 39: Major L. B. Lawton Camp of Auburn has a membership of 56, all in good standing, showing a gain of 2 over last inspection. Inspection report does not show where these 2 came from. Condition and prospects good.

No. 40: E. M. Hoffman Camp of Elmira was not inspected last year. The number on roster 43, of which 41 is in good standing. Gained by muster last year, 3; reinstatement, 1; lost by suspension, 4; dropped, 2; discharged 2 of the 43. Fifty turned cut on Decoration Day. Have neither guidon or colors. Quartermaster not bonded. Funds amount to \$110.41 and are kept in the bank. General condition fair; prospects fair. Suggested by the District Inspector that the surroundings are favorable for a new Camp; that perhaps it will be the means of putting more enthusiasm into this Camp, and later both can consolidate.

No. 42: Colonel Walter Scott Camp of Oneonta, has a membership of 54, all in good standing; a loss of one since last inspection. Annual dues are only \$2. Recruiting not up to the standard. Have lost 2 by suspension and mustered in none; reinstated one; general condition good; prospects good.

No. 43: George D. Russell Camp of Brooklyn has a membership of 65, all in good standing; a loss of one since last inspection. Inspection report shows four Comrades mustered in, which is offset by four suspended. Business conducted excellently; prospects excellent.

No. 44: Major John R. Sague Camp at Poughkeepsie has a membership of 72, all in good standing; a loss of 12 since last inspection, of which 7 were by suspension and 2 by discharge. Prospects excellent.

No. 45: S. M. Porter Camp of Jamestown has a membership of 89; a gain of 5 since last January, all in good standing. This is a substantial, sound and prosperous Camp, with many prominent men of the city on its roster, who take a lively interest in the organization. Condition and prospects excellent.



No. 46: Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp of New York City has a membership of 72, which is a loss of 6 since last inspection. The Camp seems to be a restricted Camp as they charge \$6 per year dues. They have a capital of \$736.23. District Inspector reports excellent in all particulars. Condition and prospects excellent.

No. 47: Baron Steuben Camp of Hornell has a member of 12, all in good standing. Last inspection showed same result. Camp holding its own. The whole Camp present at inspection. Have no funds. Charge \$2 muster fee and \$1 per annum dues. Have no bank account. Recruiting poor. Condition and prospects fair.

No. 48: Admiral Sampson Camp of Brooklyn, has a membership of 45, all in good standing; a loss of three from last inspection; gained one by muster. Since January 1st, funds of \$82.16 not kept in bank. Quartermaster bonded for \$500. The Camp has no seal and uses a rubber stamp. The Commander is a resident of the State of New Jersey. Conditions good, and prospects fair.

No. 49: Naval Camp of Brooklyn, has a membership of 131, of which 126 are in good standing; a gain of six over last inspection. Mustered in 9; reinstated 3; suspended 4; dropped 5. Camp seems to be restricted. Muster fees \$2.00; annual dues \$6.00. Has a fund of \$991.36. Paid out in the last ten months for relief \$499. Taking in new Comrades all the time, and throwing out dead ones. Condition and prospects excellent.

No. 51: Colonel Vrooman Camp of Herkimer was not inspected last year. Have 18 Comrades, all in good standing. Charter members 40. Seems to have no life according to report. They should get some of the charter members back again in the Camp. Condition and prospects fair.

No. 52: F. C. Warner Camp of Ilion, New York was not inspected last year. It has a membership of 20, all in good standing. Has a charter membership of 33; suspended 4; dropped 4. Charge \$2 muster fee and \$2 dues. Condition and prospects are good.

No. 53: Major Frank Keck Camp of New York city, has a membership of 101, of which 82 are in good standing. Last inspection showed 90 on the roster, 59 in good standing; a gain of

23. Somebody is doing good work in this Camp and they are making rapid strides to the top. Condition and prospects excellent.

No. 56: Louis W. Carlisle Camp of Watertown, has a membership of 45 in good standing, a gain of 12 over last inspection. This camp has lately taken on new life. If the officers will commit to memory the Ritual they will reach the excellent mark condition and prospects are very good.

No. 58: Saratoga Camp of Saratoga Springs, has a membership of 38 in good standing; a loss of 2 since last inspection. Have funds in the bank of \$515.85. A little more activity in the recruiting will advance rating to excellent. Condition and prospects are excellent.

No. 59: David Wilson Camp of New York city; has a membership of 192, all in good standing; a gain of 26 over last inspection. Making rapid strides. Not content with gobbling up all the recruits they can find, they are trying to gobble up all the future Department Commanders! Ritualistic work is perfect; conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 60: Captain Allyn K. Capron Camp of Olean was not inspected last year. Has a membership of 28, all in good standing. Officers partly memorized Ritual. All rules and regulations complied with. They have a small territory to recruit from, but are doing excellent work. Conditions and prospects are very good.

No. 61: Hugo E. Kruse Camp of Corona, has 30 on the roster, 23 in good standing. Twenty-five turned out on Decoration Day. Hasn't any descriptive book. Conditions and prospects good.

No. 62: William McKinley Camp of New York city, has a roster of 84; 82 in good standing; a gain of 42 over last inspection; 48 Comrades being present at the inspection, which includes all the officers. This is the banner Camp so far inspected. The District Inspector, Ernest W. Larkin, highly commends the method of bookkeeping in this Camp and the manner in which business is conducted. Rear Admiral Sigsbee was present at the inspection. Conditions and prospects of the very best.

No. 65: Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp of Brooklyn, has a membership of 37, all in good standing; a gain of one over last inspection, (See District Inspector's report). Conditions bad, prospects fair.

No. 66: George H. Tilley Camp of Jamaica, has a membership of 58, all in good standing; a gain of 22 over last inspection — and still they say farmers do not know how to recruit! City Camps should visit this one and take lessons in recruiting. They have a fund of \$188, and paid out for relief \$110. Conditions and prospects are excellent.

No. 67: John V. Searles Camp of Flushing, has a roster of 23, all in good standing; a gain of 7 since last inspection. Have a fund of \$102.89. Paid out \$125 in relief. Every uniform khaki. Cannot see any room for improvement. Conditions and prospects are excellent.

No. 68: Newell Rising Camp was not inspected last year. Six present at the inspection. Conditions in the past very bad. Under the new Commander the Camp will undoubtedly gain. Condition and prospects fair.

No. 69: Admiral Cook Camp, has a membership of 55, 50 being in good standing, which is a gain of 4 over last inspection. Commander and Chaplain have memorized the Ritual. Conditions and prospects very good.

No. 71: Hudson Camp of Hudson, has a muster roll of 30, all in good standing. Same number as last inspection. National and Department reports not forwarded. Claim they haven't any blanks. Charge \$2 muster fee and \$1.50 dues. Condition and prospects good.

No. 72: Joseph J. Tully Camp of Corning, has 25 on roster, all of whom are in good standing. Gained 6 by muster and 2 by reinstatement the past year. Was not inspected last year. Condition and prospects are good.

No. 73: Thomas H. Barry Camp of Brooklyn, has a membership of 135, all in good standing; a loss of 9 since last inspection; while they gained 11 by muster, they lost 26 by suspension and 2 by discharge and 2 by death. Business conducted very good. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 74: David J. Johnson Camp of Cohoes was not inspected last year. Comrades on roster and in good standing, 22. Gained none, lost none since last July. Adjutant's books not present at the inspection. The Camp has 45 on the charter. The field is a very good one and if there were a few live wires in the Camp to

boost activity, it could be improved upon. Condition poor, prospects fair.

No. 75: Colonial Camp of Kingston, has a membership of 32, all in good standing; a gain of 2 over last inspection. District Inspector reports that this Camp needs some Department Officers to get after it and wake them up. They are very slack in their work. Have the old Ritual. Condition poor, prospects fair.

No. 78: Hudson B. Moore Camp of Newburgh, has 93 on the roster, all in good standing; a gain of 7 since last inspection. This is a wide-awake Camp and working all the time for the good of the Order. Condition and prospects excellent.

No. 79: Thomas C. Fitzgerald Camp of White Plains, has 36 on the roster; 31 in good standing, against 44 on the roster and 33 in good standing at last inspection, showing a loss of 2. While they have mustered 2 the past year, they have dropped 9 and reinstated 1. Inspector's report with the exception of the Ritual work, condition of the Camp is excellent. Prospects are very good.

No. 80: Malcolm A. Rafferty Camp of Long Island City, has 43 on the roster and all in good standing, a loss of 4 since last inspection. The Quartermaster is bonded for \$250. The Camp has no funds and owes \$100. Business conducted fair. District Inspector recommends all Camps in Queens County be merged into one good one. Condition and prospects, fair.

No. 82: Admiral James B. Coghlan Camp of Brooklyn, has 21 on the roster, a loss of 10 since last inspection. District Inspector visited this Camp on three different occasions. No regular or special meetings held. The last visit on June 1st, two members of the Auxiliary present. Condition bad. Recommend the taking away of charter and forcing the Comrades into live Camps.

No. 83: Lockport Camp of Lockport, has 30 on roster and in good standing; a gain of one since last inspection. All Comrades working together. Thirty-six Comrades in the City, Camp having 30, and expect the other 6 shortly. Condition and prospects excellent.

No. 84: Major George F. Elliot Camp of Brooklyn has 108 on the roster and in good standing, a gain of 12 since last inspection. Condition and prospects excellent.

No. 85: West Point Camp of West Point, has on roster 138, of

which 123 are in good standing, a gain of 13 since last inspection. They are particular regarding the Comrades they muster in. The work of the Commander in the mustering-in ceremonies is worth going miles to hear; also the "knocking" of Comrade E. E. Swartwood, which helps to keep the Camp in good humor. Condition and prospects excellent.

No. 86: Colonel J. C. Butler Camp of Syracuse, has 79 active members, all in good standing; and 11 honorary Comrades, a gain of 3 since last inspection. They are all working together for the benefit of the Order. Condition and prospects excellent.

No. 87: Philippine Camp of New York City, has 26 on the roster and in good standing, a loss of 5 since last inspection. This Camp is in bad condition. Quartermaster's books are not well kept; Adjutant's the same. Officers do not know the Ritual. Books not audited. Condition bad. Recommend taking away the charter and compelling Comrades to enter live Camps. Prospects bad.

No. 89: General Joseph Wheeler Camp of New York City, has 52 on the roster, 47 in good standing; a loss of 15 since last inspection, which has been offset by suspension of 4; dropped 1; death 1; nothing to show what has become of the other 15 Comrades. The officers are working hard for the Camp and Organization. Condition good and prospects very good.

No. 90: Admiral William P. Potter Camp of Whitehall was not inspected last year; 35 on the roster, 33 in good standing; 11 present at inspection. Not an officer has memorized the Ritual. Books in good order. Never before audited but will be this year. Receives nothing for Memorial Day but have expended \$75 per year for the past three years for a band. Conditions and prospects good.

No. 91: Abraham Lincoln Camp of New York City, has a roster of 190, all in good standing; a loss of three since last inspection. This Camp formerly had a membership of 243. Impossible for all the officers to be present, as they represent the Police and Fire Department and their time is not their own. Nothing to show what has become of the 53 Comrades on the roster of last inspection. Condition good, prospects good.

No. 92: Empire Camp of Brooklyn, has a roster of 20, all in

good standing, not having gained nor lost any since last inspection. It is a select Camp of well-to-do Comrades. Charge \$5 muster fees, and \$3 annual dues. General condition and prospects good.

No. 93: Sixty-ninth Regiment Camp of New York City, has on roster 75, 60 in good standing, not having gained nor lost any since last inspection. Muster fees \$2; annual dues \$3. Condition and prospects good.

No. 94: General Stephen Moffitt Camp of Plattsburg, have a roster of 51, all in good standing; a loss of 1 since last inspection. Mustered in 7; reinstated 2; nothing to show the loss. Condition and prospects good.

No. 95: Chrispus Attucks Camp of New York City is not in the official roster. A letter sent the last Commander of the Camp, asking if the Camp was in existence, and if so, requesting an inspection night, not answered.

No. 96: Captain M. W. Marvin Camp of Walton, has 44 on the Roster, all in good standing; a gain of two since last inspection. This camp was only organized in 1912. Not much chance to grow as it is in a small town. Adjutant's books are the best ever seen. All working in harmony. Condition and prospects excellent.

No. 98: Colonel John Jacob Astor Camp of New York City is a new Camp. Date of charter, October 18, 1913. Charter members 32; number on Roster and in good standing April 25, 1914, 51 members; a gain of 19 since October 18, 1913. I believe this Camp is composed of all letter carriers. Charge \$2 muster fees and \$4 per annum dues. Condition and prospects excellent.

#### RATING OF THE CAMPS

A No. 1 — Number, 62.

Excellent.— 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 25, 28, 33, 43, 44, 45, 46, 49, 53, 58, 59, 67, 73, 76, 83, 84, 85, 86, 96, 98.

Very good.— 48, 56, 60, 69, 79, 89.

Good.— 7, 9, 17, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 34, 37, 38, 39, 42, 52, 61, 71, 72, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94.

Fair.— 5, 6, 8, 16, 18, 22, 29, 30, 31, 36, 40, 47, 51, 65, 68, 74, 75, 80.

Bad.— 32, 35, 82, 87.

During my administration I inspected personally 8 Camps; installed the Officers of 1; and attended the installations of 14; visited 24 Camps. Received 253 letters; sent out 411 letters.

From my personal observation and the reports of District Inspectors, Quartermasters' books need a great deal of attention, and the method of keeping same can be improved upon. I owe to the District Inspectors who have aided me in my successes my heartfelt thanks, especially to Comrades E. W. Larkin of New York City and George A. Markham of Buffalo for their excellent itemized inspection reports, and also to John E. J. Clare, who stood ready to inspect any Camp where a vacancy existed amongst the District Inspectors, and who did inspect the Camp at Middletown at his own expense.

Of the 83 Camps in the Department of New York there are 6,371 names on the Roster, of which 6,142 are in good standing. These 83 Camps show a charter membership of 4,018. According to figures obtained from the Department Adjutant's office, there are now close on to 15,000 identification cards in his possession, which shows a falling off of 9,000 Comrades in the Department of New York since these Camps were organized.

There occurred 47 deaths in the past year and 341 were suspended. Impossible to tell the loss in membership, owing to the fact that 11 Camps were not inspected last year and there is no record of their membership when last inspected.

On June 30, 1912, inspection showed 5,572 Comrades in good standing; with 11 Camps uninspected. Compared with this year's inspection and all Camps inspected, shows an increase of 570.

Money in banks and Camps, \$20,766.81; paid out for relief, \$6,299.12; uniformed Comrades, 2,802; Camps meet in Armory, 33; Camps meet in public buildings, 22; Camps rent quarters, 28. Camps receive money from cities on Decoration Day, 51; Camps do not receive money from cities on Decoration Day, 32.

#### MUSTER FEES.

Four camps .....	\$1 00
One camp .....	1 75
Fifty-five camps .....	2 00
One camp .....	2 25
One camp .....	2 50
One camp .....	2 75
Eighteen camps .....	3 00
Two camps .....	5 00

DUES.

Two camps .....	\$1 00
Two camps .....	1 50
Ten camps .....	2 00
Sixty camps .....	3 00
Six camps .....	4 00
Three camps .....	6 00

All Quartermasters bonded.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the Department of New York recommend at the next National Encampment the repeal of the resolution passed at the Convention at Atlantic City calling for all District Inspectors to be Past Commanders.

(2) That the Department Inspector have full power to act in the appointment of said District Inspectors without their names being first submitted to the Department Commander for his approval.

(3) That the incoming Commander appoint a Committee of three to draw up a sample sheet of plain bookkeeping for quartermasters, and same to be printed and forwarded to each quartermaster upon him assuming office.

Having fulfilled my duties as Department Inspector to the best of my ability and thanking the Delegates who elected me to that position at the Tenth Annual Encampment, I herewith relinquish my duties with the pledge to assist my successor whoever he may be in every way possible.

Yours in F., P. & H.,

ISAAC JOEL,  
*Department Inspector.*

Consolidated Inspection Report

JUNE, 26, 1914.

*To the Inspector-General:*

SIR.— I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of inspection of Camps in the Department of New York, which I certify to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ISAAC JOEL,  
*Department Inspector.*



1. Number of Camps in the Department.....	83
2. Number of Camps inspected .....	83
3. Number of officers at inspection.....	512
4. Number of Comrades present at inspection.....	3,814
5. Number of Camps in good standing.....	83
6. Number of Comrades in good standing.....	6,142
7. Number of Comrades gained by muster .....	533
Number of Comrades gained by transfer .....	42
Number of Comrades gained by reinstatement .....	211
8. Number of Comrades lost by suspension .....	341
Number of Comrades lost by dropped .....	181
Number of Comrades lost by discharge .....	5
Number of Comrades lost by death .....	47
9. Number of Camps observing Memorial Day.....	83
10. Number of Camps in which ritual work is committed.....	29
11. Number of Camps having Adjutant's records and files well kept .....	59
12. Number of Camps having General Orders read and properly filed .....	79
13. Number of Camps having Quartermaster's books complete and well kept .....	69
14. Number of Camps having Quartermaster bonded.....	83
15. Number of Camps having funds in banks.....	81
16. Number of Camps having accounts audited.....	72
17. Number of Camps forwarded all reports due National Headquarters .....	32
Number of Camps forwarded all reports due Department Headquarters.....	82
18. Number of Camps having paid all indebtedness due National Headquarters .....	82
Number of Camps having paid all indebtedness due Department Headquarters .....	82
19. Number of Camps having seal.....	80
20. Number of Camps having by-laws .....	74
21. Number of Camps having charters displayed at meetings..	82
22. Number of Camps properly equipped.....	82
23. Number of Camps free from debt.....	81
24. Average amount charged for muster fee.....	\$2 00
25. Average amount charged for annual dues.....	3 00
26. Aggregate amount received from county or city for Memorial Day .....	4,025 00
27. Total amount reported by Camps in general fund.....	} 20,766 81
28. Total amount reported by Camps in relief fund.....	
29. Total amount reported by Camps in other funds.....	
30. Total value of Camp property other than cash.....	20,560 37
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$41,327 18</b>
31. Total liabilities of Camps (\$100 paid since inspection).....	200 00
32. Amount expended for relief by all Camps.....	6,299 12

33. General condition and future prospects.....	Excellent
34. Number of Camps meeting in armories or public buildings:	
Armories .....	33
Public buildings .....	22
35. Number of Camps renting halls.....	28

NOTE.—The above report does not include Camp No. 81, which is a Service Camp in the Philippine Islands, attached to this Department.

The conclusion of the reading of the Department Inspector's report was the signal for the most vigorous applause. The thoroughness and care evidently taken in its preparation left a profoundly favorable impression upon all who heard it.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I recognize Comrade Blount:

COMRADE BLOUNT:

Department Commander, the Department Inspector is in error so far as his report affects Chrispus Attucks Camp No. 95. The Camp in the last six months of the preceding year, due to rivalry for offices to be filled in the Camp, retarded its energies. New endeavors began and the Camp is on a substantial footing; the Comrades unanimous and with their per capita tax paid up both National and State. The Inspector evidently made a mistake, as he had at the time he made his report some authorized officer—doubtless the Adjutant of the Department did not advise the Inspector of the existence of the Camp; and I would, therefore, ask that that correction so far as it has reference to the non-existence of Chrispus Attucks Camp, be made; because to-day we have our full quota of delegates and everything paid up; and it seems to me I think that we are very much in evidence and in existence. (Applause.)

I move you, sir, the adoption of the report with that correction so far as it refers to Chrispus Attucks Camp.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will ask the Adjutant if Chrispus Attucks Camp is now in good standing?

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT, COMRADE JONES:

Chrispus Attucks Camp is in good standing up to date.

A COMRADE:

I would like a correction to be made also in connection with the position of John Jacob Astor Camp — it is not composed entirely of letter carriers.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR:

I said "I think".

COMRADE HOUGH, CAMP No. 44:

I wish to have a correction made in regard to Camp No. 44, and to say that the expenses of the Convention were paid by public subscription.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM, No. 2:

The Camp did not stand the expenses of that.

A COMRADE:

Comrade Commander, it appears to me that we ought to settle one case at a time.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Now, that is not the question — we are on the Department Inspector's report.

COMRADES HOUGH AND CUNNINGHAM:

The expenses of that Encampment were paid by public subscription.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

What did you hear the report read?

COMRADE HOUGH:

It said it was paid by the Camp.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I move you, Department Commander, that the report be accepted as read.

A VOICE:

Department Commander, will you read it please?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Yes. (Reads again from Department Inspector's report as quoted above, that part relating to the Eighth Annual Encampment held at Poughkeepsie.)

COMRADE HOUGH :

The Camp had nothing to do with that Convention. The expenses were paid by public subscription, raised by the city. The Camp was *not* left in debt. *We owe not a cent.* They had nothing to do with the raising of the money, and they do not owe a cent. I object to the remarks in the report about the Camp owing money.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR :

Regarding the Encampment at Poughkeepsie, I made that inspection myself; and these remarks were given to me by some of the officers. I would not know of it otherwise, unless I had had that information given to me. It was given to me by the Camp Officers personally. I personally complimented the Camp which had been in debt, to say that I was pleased to see that the Camp had got into such excellent condition. There was nothing stated in my report about the Camp which I did not see on my inspection or obtained from the Camp Officers, and I stated it exactly as it was given to me on inspecting that Camp personally.

COMRADE DRISCOLL: (Rises).

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER :

Are you going to speak on this question ?

COMRADE DRISCOLL :

I am, sir. I move you, sir, that the remarks concerning the indebtedness against this certain Camp be stricken from the records of this Convention.

COMRADE \_\_\_\_\_ :

I second that motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER :

It has been regularly moved and seconded —

COMRADE HARRIS, No. 46 :

Point of order !

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER :

My object on this proposition was to endeavor to eliminate a lot of debate, but it is going to get conflicting, I see; so we will take up the original motion of Comrade Blount, that that part of

the Department Inspector's report where it says that Chrispus Attucks Camp is not in existence, shall be corrected. I will put that to a vote.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, COMRADE JOEL:

On the question! Regarding Chrispus Attucks Camp, I was informed by the Department Commander and the Department Adjutant that that Camp had gone out of existence. About a month ago the Department Commander said: "You had better write them, so as to be sure about that Camp." I accordingly wrote Commander Blount on June 12th as follows:

"JUNE 12, 1914.

COMRADE BLOUNT:

Will you please tell me if your Camp is still in existence or not? If you are still in existence will you send me word what night I may set apart for inspection?

Yours in F., P. and H.,

ISAAC JOEL,

*Department Inspector."*

As I received no reply to this letter I took it for granted that the Camp had gone out of existence. There is my report on that. If the Camp is still in existence so much the better.

Department Commander puts Comrade Blount's original motion, and it is carried and the error ordered to be corrected.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

Question! Point of order!

COMRADE BLOUNT:

(Tries to speak, but is compelled to yield to Comrade Cunningham.)

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

On a point of personal privilege. My point of order is this: We elected the Department Inspector to perform certain duties. The Inspector has performed those duties. If Chrispus Attucks Camp at the eleventh hour has been reinstated that is no reason why that report should be corrected. There are no corrections to be made!

COMRADE BLOUNT:

I rise to a point of order! I want to erase the unnecessary discussion. A report to this Convention was submitted here by the Department Inspector. A motion was made to correct a certain portion of it; that motion was regularly put to the Comrades and was carried. Any discussion on that subject at this time is out of order. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrade Cunningham, take your seat! Comrades, that motion was disposed of. I simply tolerated debate; any further debate is out of order. We will now take up the question of Camp No. 44. Is there any objection to changing the report about Camp No. 44. (After a pause.) It has been regularly moved and seconded that these remarks referring to the Department Encampment held at Poughkeepsie and about Camp No. 44, be corrected. Is there any debate on this? (Pause.) All those in favor signify by saying "Aye."

(So ordered.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I recognize Past Commander Heller.

PAST COMMANDER HELLER, Camp No. 12:

There is a report which shows that we had a bond for three hundred dollars (\$300) when we had seven hundred dollars (\$700) on hand, and the recommendation was made that the bond be raised. I want to state for the benefit of this Convention that the Quartermaster of this Camp has not that sum on hand; that our rules and by-laws provide that at any time when the funds in the hands of the Camp are in excess of the amount necessary to conduct the business of the Camp that they shall be deposited in the hands of trustees for a trust fund; and for the benefit of this Encampment I want to state that the majority of that seven hundred dollars is in the hands of a board of trustees. A Past Senior Vice-Commander of this Organization and a Past Junior Vice-Commander are members of that board. I want to ask that this be set right in this respect.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I second the motion. (So ordered.)

COMRADE HARRIS, No. 46:

At all the conventions that I have ever been to, Department Commander, I have never heard a report equal to the one read here this afternoon by our Department Inspector. He has handed in a report from every Camp in the Department of New York; and I do not remember the time since the inception of this Department where a report so good was rendered; therefore, I move you, sir, that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Department Inspector for his very excellent report.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Please include this in your motion — that the recommendations be included.

COMRADE HARRIS:

I move you, sir, that a rising vote of thanks be extended to Comrade Joel for his able efforts and the success of his work during the past year; and that the recommendations embodied in the report be forwarded to the Resolutions Committee.

Department Commander puts the above motion. A rising vote was given to Comrade Joel in accordance with the sentiment expressed by Comrade Harris.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We have a telegram here. I ask the Chairman of the Encampment Committee to read the telegram to the Encampment.

Chairman of the Encampment Committee reads the following telegram:

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, *July 6, 1914.*

*To Commander Parker, Department of New York, U. S. W.  
V., Schenectady:*

The Department of California sends you greetings and sincere wishes for a most successful Encampment.

H. F. HUBERT,  
*Department Commander of California.*



Department Surgeon FRANK W. ROSS, M. D.





DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

That telegram will be properly answered. If there is no objection. I will appoint a Committee on Greetings for that purpose.

COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I move that there be a telegram sent to the President of the United States, The Grand Army of the Republic, the Confederate Veterans of the South, and the Mayor of Elmira.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Practically all the people you have mentioned will be covered in the report of the Committee on Greetings, so there is no necessity for your motion.

We will now have the report of the Department Surgeon, Comrade Dr. Frank W. Ross of Elmira.

#### Report of the Department Surgeon

RALPH H. PARKER, *Department Commander, United Spanish War Veterans of New York:*

SIR.—I have the honor to make the following report as Department Surgeon.

Under General Orders No. 11, 1914, No. 7, all Camp Surgeons were directed to report to the Department Surgeon the number of Comrades who have acquired in service any of the following diseases: Typhoid or yellow fever, chronic or amebic dysentery, rheumatism, paralysis, tuberculosis, artheritis deformans. The number who have sustained the following: Losses of arm, hand, leg or foot. Injuries to the body or head.

I regret to say that but few camps have reported to date. Evidently the importance of the report was not appreciated or understood. I shall endeavor by a suitable paper, and discussion to explain the reasons for the Department Surgeon's, as well as the Surgeon-General's desire for such information. Briefly, the statistics thus obtained will be of material assistance in obtaining competent evidence required by the Pension Department. This fact should create sufficient interest in the reports and cause a hearty co-operation of all Comrades. From my experience in the practice of medicine for over thirty years, and the making out of medical papers for disabled soldiers and sailors for pensions, I

can assure you that the passage of a bill granting pensions to all veterans of the war with Spain and their dependants, is not the end of the troubles.

Much will be required by the Pension Department not generally understood. This matter will be fully discussed and explained in the deliberations of this body during the coming session.

Respectfully,

FRANK W. ROSS,

*Department Surgeon.*

Reports received from Camp Surgeons in response to G. O. No. 11. The following Camps only have responded:

Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3, Binghamton.

Capron Camp No. 22, Brooklyn, N. Y.

E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40, Elmira, N. Y.

Captain Allyn K. Capron Camp No. 60, Olean, N. Y.

#### THINGS TO BE CONSIDERED IN MAKING APPLICATIONS FOR PENSIONS

The granting by the National Government to the Comrades of the War with Spain, and incidental insurrections, as well as to their widows and orphans the same as granted the veterans of the Civil War, even if it comes with all the liberality given to the Grand Army of the Republic, it has its limitations and restrictions.

Pensions will only be granted now and for years to come to those who were disabled while *in the service*, and *in line of duty*.

Service and age pensions, as with the Grand Army of the Republic, are many years ahead of us. Our pensions will only be granted for disabilities acquired while in the service.

Widows and orphans' pensions will only be granted in case of death due to disease and disability obtained in the service, or some disease or disability directly traceable to service disability.

A Comrade might suffer from rheumatism, malaria, or amebic dysentery for years and finally die from pneumonia. He may never have received a pension, his family anticipating a pension from the fact that the husband and father was a soldier, was disabled while in the service, and entitled to a pension, which was never granted; would be grievously disappointed if a pension was

refused on the ground "That the disease which caused his death was not acquired while in the service, therefore not pensionable."

We must understand these things fully and freely and discuss them. We must use all the means in our power, individually and collectively, as an organization for our Comrades and their dependents to obtain pensions, where they *are* entitled to them. To do this some means and methods must be devised for obtaining and preserving data by the individual, and the Department through its general orders, bulletins, and review. Let every man prepare "to put his house in order" both for himself and those who are dependent on him.

Sixteen years have passed since the Maine was sunk, and service began. Comrades have widely separated, each year competent evidence of disability as required by the Department of Pensions will be harder and harder to obtain. If through this paper and discussion I can start a movement in the right direction for you and your future and your loved ones, I shall be amply repaid for the effort.

A brief explanation of the requirements for a pension will tend to make the way clear, and prevent many a bitter disappointment. You must start right, know what is required, and obtain it. If not, your efforts will be futile, and time wasted. Those who have hospital records will have comparatively easy sailing. Those who have none must furnish absolute and unquestioned testimony of disease or injury or disability by Comrades' sworn testimony, and statements sufficient to satisfy the Department in every particular.

Time and time again you think you have obtained sufficient evidence, you will be asked to furnish "further and more complete proof of disability alleged to have been received while in service and in line of duty." Always, these questions and requirements will be insisted upon. Then, when you have furnished what you consider all required and asked for, and believe your case complete, you will receive a letter from the Pension Department "requiring additional evidence." Or, possibly the simple statement with a "knock out" claim rejected on the ground of insufficient evidence.

The you go to your Congressman who will investigate and tell you what the missing link is. It may be some simple thing which

you did not consider of importance that you have neglected. This will start you right again and perhaps in a remarkably short time, if you produce what is missing, your pension will be granted.

Now, if all this red tape is difficult, disappointing and disheartening to you men, consider what almost insurmountable obstacles are in the way of your wife and children, if you have not paved the way in case you are taken away from them by death.

Let me tell you, the records of the Medical Department of the Army and Navy are not accessible to those seeking pensions. All must furnish proof of disability with no assistance from the Government, except to tell you the proof required.

The red tape seems cruel and unjust, but is absolutely necessary, and essential for the Government as well as yourself. After satisfactory evidence is produced a pension is readily granted. Our Government is the most liberal on earth in the matter of pensions. The opportunities for fraud and misrepresentation are great. Every safeguard is thrown about the Pension Department to prevent unjust claims being made and pension only those who are entitled.

It is rare that a just claim is rejected. They may be delayed a long time for complete evidence, medical examinations, proof of time actually disabled each year.

Fortunately, however, the pension begins from the time of filling the first papers. If you are five years in waiting, usually you receive a nice little sum for the waiting.

The Medical Examining Boards while exacting, are usually just and liberal. The Special Examiners, "the secret service men," while they are just, are absolutely merciless and impartial. Any attempt to deceive them will be regretted. All evidence produced must be absolutely true, honest and fair in all ways. With a just claim and competent evidence, no one need worry although the time may be long in the waiting and the furnishing the desired proofs.

Remember, a pension is granted solely on the merits of the case; not on sentiment or fancied disability. The fakir, the maligner, the man who shirked duty and used the "sick call" and hospital solely because he was lazy, a coward or a failure will have scanty recognition when he applies for a pension. He is known and

understood, to be one who avoided his duty as a soldier and a man, and his companions and the Government have little use for him, and to him there is nothing coming in the line of a pension!

Venereal diseases and their results are not pensionable. The only claim which might be made for these would be in the hospital men who became infected while at work, and it was known at the time how such infection incurred.

Remote and natural results of diseases acquired in the service must not be confounded with the original disease for which a pension is claimed. For instance, heart disease may be made as a claim. There is no record of heart disease while in the service. Claim will be rejected on the ground "No evidence of having heart disease in the service." If, however, claim for rheumatism and resulting disease of the heart is established, the way is perfectly clear and easy.

In all instances claims must be made for the disease you had in the service and then add the resulting diseases. Perhaps you had diphtheria, were discharged, convalescing, paralysis followed. Claim should be made for diphtheria and resulting paralysis. Usually the paralysis resulting from diphtheria is not permanent if they live, but the resulting heart disease may be permanent from that cause.

It is best in all cases to be guided rightly by a good pension attorney. From him you must keep nothing back. Tell him the whole truth and all of it. Do not let him go blindly.

If you know a physician, family or otherwise, who knew you before you entered the service, perhaps attended your family from your childhood. Just as soon as you can after this meeting get a statement from him that he knew you before you went into the service and that you were perfectly sound, if not he would have known it. Also, if he has attended you since leaving the service, and your sickness was caused by disease or injury in the service in line of duty, have him so state, tell for what he has treated you and preserve the prescriptions. He is perhaps an old man and if he dies you can not obtain this valued evidence, so essential to the proof of your disability.

Also, if possible, obtain affidavits of friends and neighbors as to your health before and after service, and time actually disabled

each year by such disability, an employer if possible. If these things are difficult for *you*, think what they will be to your wives and children, in case you have neglected to do your part.

If a soldier dies from any cause other than that for which he is pensioned or entitled to pension, the wife is liable to lose her right to the pension as the law now stands. We must not forget that the pension is granted for disease, disability or death resulting from service and that alone.

A widow must have proof of marriage, also that she was legally married to him, that he was legally married to her and that no bar to their marriage, by reason of divorce or former marriage, existed at the time of their marriage. She must also prove good moral character, and the legitimacy of her children, issue of the deceased soldier.

A remarriage invalidates her claim to a pension, and if pension is already granted, stops it.

A copy of the birth record of all children should be preserved.

Affidavits covering all of the above points should be procured now and kept on file in your home, or safe, or with this Department.

Whenever you employ a physician, if for a disability in the service or its legitimate results, have him keep a record of same and procure a copy of the prescription.

Keep a copy of all affidavits made for you properly attested. Many have no hospital records, yet years sick in service, and suffer from that disability. In such cases the disability must be proven by Comrades who knew of the sickness, or injury at the time. Those who have good hospital records, must prove the claim first by indisputable evidence. If the surgeon who attended you in the service remembers your case or has a copy of the records, as Dr. D. S. Burr of Barber Camp of Binghamton has, you are truly fortunate. There are few, however, like Dr. Dan S. Burr.

Many were so anxious to get out of the service and go home they did not have the disabilities placed on their discharges. Such cases are unfortunate where a disability existed, and the discharge from ignorance on your part or neglect on the part of the surgeon, you have this statement: "No objection to re-enlistment known." This means discharged in good health, and is hard to overcome.

“Bob-tail discharges” will debar a pension, as will desertions. If such are unjust consult your Congressman to have the disability removed, and do not leave it for your wife and children to find out after you are gone.

If you were enlisted under an assumed name, if you gave the wrong age, the matter must be straightened out now by proper proof. Such disabilities can readily be removed now, but latter almost impossible. The Pension Inspector goes to every person making an affidavit and gets another, compares it, to see if true. He even goes to physicians, looks over his books, looks up his record of the case and even goes to the drug store to see if the prescriptions have been filled, and were actually used for the conditions claimed. I have seen in the hands of these Inspectors, great stacks of papers covering many pages taken in the investigation of a single case. Every case no matter how just, “is raked over with a fine tooth comb” to prove the absolute truth of all statements.

Any person who tries to defraud the Government or prove an unjust claim, or gives an untrue affidavit, will be prosecuted and may debar a legitimate claim from obtaining a pension.

This red tape is absolutely essential for your protection as well as to the Government. If all this precaution were not taken the Government would be defrauded out of thousands, yes, millions of dollars by persons not entitled. Yes, some fake might steal your discharge papers and obtain a pension and you be considered an imposter when you tried. When we canvass the matter thoroughly we can see the wisdom and justice of it all even if it does make the way hard for us now, and seemingly impose insurmountable obstacles.

Let me enjoin you all: Prepare your papers now, keep a record, look up all evidence, make no claim which you cannot prove absolutely. If any disability or bar to your pension exists, find it out *now* and if it can be corrected do it at once.

I have had over thirty years of this work among the Grand Army of the Republic and have assisted many to obtain their rightful pensions which because of some little technicality had been held up for years.

Go to your Camp Surgeon with these matters when you can.



One instance and I am through: I know of a case of a man who held an honorable discharge. He was in easy circumstances. For thirty years he did not think of applying for a pension. When he did, to his surprise he was informed that the charge of desertion was against him. Every effort was made to have it removed. Two Congressmen tried in vain. He was a near relative of a former cabinet officer. Try as he would that charge stood, perhaps unjustly; still, after waiting for twenty years more, fifty in all, in want and despair, he committed suicide. Had he begun in time I have no doubt that he might have succeeded, but after fifty years, help and hope died with him.

If you have anything to do, *do it now.*

(Signed) FRANK W. ROSS, M. D.

*Department Surgeon, United  
Spanish War Veterans.*

In addition to the above written report and paper the Department Surgeon made the following remarks:

*Department Commander and Comrades:*

I have the honor to make my report as Department Surgeon for the year and might just add: Two bulletins were issued requesting me to send statistics from the Comrades in reference to disability. The first was issued by the Surgeon-General, asking all those who had suffered from tuberculosis, typhoid fever, malaria, amebic dysentery, loss of arm, hand or foot, or rheumatism, to report to the different Camp Surgeons; and the Camp Surgeons to report to the Department Surgeon.

I regret to say that the order was not properly understood; and the *intent* was not evidently understood. I have had so far reports from only *four* Camps. Now, Comrades, this is a matter of vital importance to us all, I think, as great as anything that ever could come up before a Camp. We are fighting to get legislation to give all you Comrades a pension. Now, a matter of a pension is not a matter of the bounty of our Government. A matter of a pension is a just return for work done, whether you die in the service or whether you die in the office; whether you were injured or otherwise, the Government is bound in duty to recognize you for it. It is the theory of pensions that the pension was the theory of salvage. When the old buccaneers were out and they

captured a post they regarded it as prize money. Now, the soldiers of this Organization made it possible for the Government to obtain an enormous prize, with the expenditure of very little money and the loss of a few men. We set Cuba free and annexed Hawaii and the Philippines and helped in the matter of China. For that evidently the Government gives you a pension. It is like the man getting into the place above: like going through the eye of a needle to get one. The Comrades should take this matter up seriously and report the disabilities that are in existence amongst the members of this Organization. In the first place we are only receiving pensions for disabilities or death incurred in service and in line of duty. We today have not the same status as the Grand Army of the Republic. We hope to have but even after we get that the consummation of pensions and returns is a long way off. It is one of those questions that I have been working on the last thirty years as a physician. I have been instrumental in helping many men to obtain a pension in my practice, and I know well their troubles and trials and tribulations. Many men have tried to get them but have failed, and they don't know what is the matter that they have so much time and trouble. It seems as if there is a desire to hold men up who need a pension. Now, the main gist of my report will be just a few hints for those who need a pension. Sooner or later all of us will need a pension. That time at present is a long way off.

The widows and orphans of Spanish War Veterans are not as yet entitled to pension under the law, except where they die in service, practically. Now, if a man receives an injury or contracts a disease while in service and dies from some other cause, his widow and orphans will forfeit the right to receive a pension, because the cause of death must be specifically stated, that it is due to "disability incurred in the service." I have had a number of very sad experiences in that line with some of my patients. This, for instance, would come up: A man who had been an invalid since he left the service. He died as a result of the disease he had contracted in the service. A physician who attended him made out the death certificate for some acute trouble. Try as they could the Pension Department refused to grant a pension for the widow. For that same man it had been a matter of four

or five dollars; and while the man was dead yet he had not died as "A result of disability incurred in the service." Now, that is what we are up against; and I want to beg of you, to tell you that if you have any disability, if you incurred typhoid fever, or anything such as malarial fever or any of such disabilities it is time for you to look it up.

It is sixteen years ago since the *Maine* was blown up. It is a long time, and we are scattered. It is hard to produce competent evidence, to satisfy the Department in Washington. Now, the Departments are absolutely, and their rulings are absolutely arbitrary. The Examining Surgeons are fair and just, but the Department's Inspectors cold-blooded, absolutely fair and that is all you can say of them. I have seen from one single case a stack of papers four or five inches thick. It was secured through getting one man a pension. That man who has not received a pension has no idea of all the red tape that must be gone through. All of these things must be attended to. If you have minor children, see that they are properly registered at birth and keep a copy of their birth certificate. If you are married, see that your wife has a proper certificate. For if you were to die and she did not have such a thing she would have a lot of trouble proving her marriage to you. If a woman leads an immoral life she is not entitled to a pension, although her husband might have died in the service; or if she is divorced she is not entitled to a pension. In fact, up to date the widows of veterans of the Civil War who married after 1890 do not receive pensions of their husbands. But a bill is now up before Congress making it a law to grant a pension to widows of Civil War veterans who married after 1890 and all those of the Spanish-American War. You may have enlisted under an assumed name. That disability can be removed. You may have had a hospital record; and you may have had diarrhoea and you did not want to come up to the sick call. Again, some of you were anxious to get out. He was a sick man when he was discharged, and his record read like this: "Condition bad," but in his wisdom he scratched that out and put: "Condition good;" that will make a lot of trouble for you in getting your pension. Everyone of you! All of these things should be considered!

Now, my successor will collect all the information and have it

placed on the Card Index for any case of disease and case of disability. If you have heart disease, it must be made out for "resultant heart disease." Do not make the mistake of making it "heart disease" when you only had rheumatism in the service. In the old days the testimony of two or three comrades would be sufficient; but the records were kept so absolutely correct in the Spanish-American War that the Department is a little bit shy, and they do not now accept anything but the Officers or the Hospital record.

Now, that embodies all the remarks, and I am willing to answer all the questions that I can. I am not a pension attorney, but I have had a great deal of experience along this line in my own practice, and they always get their papers if they are entitled to it.

I shall be pleased to meet the Camp Surgeons or Department Surgeons at any time before the Convention is over — or now. I thank you. (Applause.)

COMRADE MARKHAM, No. 12:

*Comrade Commander and Comrades:* There was one of the remarks of the Department Surgeon's report that particularly appealed to me. I want to give him a little statistics of what this pension matter amounts to. There are in the State of New York over 7,000 men who served during the Spanish-American War, that have made applications for pensions and these pensions have been denied on the grounds that there is no hospital record. Eighty per cent. of the claims presented before the Pension Bureau are denied on that ground. During the administration of President Cleveland, when Commissioner Black was Commissioner of Pensions, he placed a rule on the books and it was acted upon, with the result that more Civil War veterans received pensions during his incumbency of office than any of his predecessors, or any man since his time; and it should be a rule with the Commissioner of Pensions that the word of three Comrades who served with a man during the period claimed by him, provided the soldiers of whatever town he lived in confirmed the report, and were distinctly capable of discriminating between right and wrong, and would not "put anything over" on the Government. Now, that rule was abandoned long ago. We have a case

in Buffalo of a man named Maxwell who has been ever since the Civil War trying to get a pension but cannot. He went with the Sixty-fifth of New York and his superior maintained discipline in organization and kept his men off the sick roll so that he would have a good showing. That man was broken hearted recently. That man made application for a pension and he found to his surprise that the officer in charge had kept him off the sick roll when he should have been placed on it. Twenty-seven members of his Company filed affidavit that they knew of his sickness, and his application was rejected.

Comrade Department Commander, I would like to have put into the minutes —

A Comrade raises a point of order.

COMRADE MARKHAM (Continuing) :

I would like to have embodied in that (the Department Surgeon's report), that this ruling of John C. Black's — it could be easily found — for the benefit of Civil War Veterans, ought to be revived.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER :

That will be added to the Department Surgeon's report.

(Editor's Note.—The above ruling could not be found. The following correspondence with the Pension Department is inserted for record.)

Room 106, New York County Court House,

NEW YORK, N. Y., *February 26, 1915.*

*The Hon. The Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.:*

SIR.—Will you kindly send me a copy of “The ruling of Com. John C. Black, Commissioner of Pensions under Grover Cleveland, to the effect that the affidavit of three acquaintances of a soldier would be accepted in his application for a pension?”

The quotation is from the remarks of a speaker at the last annual convention of the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, held in Schenectady, N. Y. If it is not correctly quoted, I trust it is near enough for you to understand what is desired. I searched for an hour or two

in the New York Public Library in the Annual Reports of the Commissioner of Pensions from 1885 to 1888, inclusive, but failed to see any reference to it.

Respectfully,

GUSTAVUS E. HART,

*Official Reporter, United Spanish War Veterans,  
Department of New York, 1914.*

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Pensions

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 1, 1915.*

*Mr. Gustavus E. Hart, Room 106, New County Court House,  
New York, N. Y.:*

SIR.— Referring to your attached letter of the 26th ultimo, I have to state that this bureau is unable to determine the ruling, order or instruction referred to by you.

So far as is known there has never been any order requiring the testimony of three witnesses to establish any one fact in a claim for pension.

Respectfully,

G. M. SALTZGABER,

*Commissioner.*

COMRADE FLOREA, Camp No. 19:

The report of the Department Surgeon reminds me of an experience that I had when I was discharged —

(Cries of "Point of Order.")

When I was discharged the discharge read: "Good." I was in good health and there was no objection ever recognized. I just make that remark because many of the fellows were not in good health. I was under that impression when my discharge was given.

A COMRADE:

Let the Department Surgeon speak.

DEPARTMENT SURGEON:

I recommend that the Department Surgeon in the next administration take up the matter, and that all Camps make a report

through their Surgeon or through the Department Surgeon, and have it here, so that if you lose the other records you have got something there.

There is another thing I would like to make a suggestion about, if you heartily approve of all the phases of the matter, Commander, that if a man has rights in a pension, he believes that legal proceedings can be taken and it can be restored to him, even after he gets a pension. But I would like all Comrades to send in their reports and have it put on the card index so that it shall be there for reference and future use.

COMRADE FINKELSTONE:

We have listened to a great many valuable suggestions from the Department Surgeon on the subject of pensions. I think a great many of the Comrades who are not here just now would like to hear some of this also. I would, therefore, like to say that I would like to see these remarks be printed in one of the Department Bulletins and forwarded with the regular bulletin to all the Comrades, and I would also suggest that the report of the Department Surgeon be accepted.

A COMRADE:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I understand that you desire that that matter pertaining to pensions be distributed in the Department Bulletin if possible?

COMRADE FINKELSTONE:

That is my motion.

Motion put and carried.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now hear the report of the Department Patriotic Instructor. You can be assured now, Comrades, that the reports are going to be short — that will expedite matters.

Comrade Fitzgerald, Patriotic Instructor, read his report as follows:



Department Patriotic Instructor, JOHN J. FITZGERALD







Report of the Department Patriotic Instructor

*Comrade Ralph H. Parker, Department Commander, Department of New York, U. S. W. V.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—I have the honor to submit the report of the Department Patriotic Instructor for the six months ending June 30, 1914. Due perhaps to misunderstanding the Camp Patriotic Instructors have failed to send in the required information and with the exception of the Camps noted no other reports have been received. In the absence of these detailed reports it has been very difficult to give even a rough estimate of the work which has been done and to obtain any information it has been necessary to go to such sources of information as were available.

The following Camps have submitted reports, viz.: Camps No. 1, 2, 10, 24, 36, 59, 61, 66 and 84. With the exception of 59 and 66 the data furnished has been of a general nature. Camps 59 and 66 have sent in detailed reports of the patriotic work done and have given such other information as would properly come under the scope of the Camp Patriotic Instructor. Camp No. 24 has under way a plan to arouse interest and the Patriotic Instructor is to be commended for the offering of cash prizes to the children of the Comrades who will be incited to study patriotic subjects and to reduce their ideas to writing.

It is regrettable that sufficient interest has not been shown and I am forced to the conclusion that the proper Comrades have not been selected for this important office. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity of having Comrades appointed who are both willing and anxious to do the work, for without an enthusiastic interest the office of Camp Patriotic Instructor will fail of its importance.

From my observations thus far it is obvious that concerted effort must be made in this direction and I have endeavored to bring this about through the means of an Association of Patriotic Instructors. Several meetings have been held in New York City for the purpose of forming such an Association and the results of this effort will be submitted in the form of a resolution to this Encampment. I earnestly hope that the assembled delegates will

further the effort by authorizing the formation of this Association. It will be the purpose of this Association to act as a clearing house for all work of a patriotic nature and it will be a valuable adjunct to Department Headquarters in carrying on the work of the United Spanish War Veterans, and in making our organization the logical successors of the Grand Army of the Republic, in all lines of patriotic endeavor.

Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day were properly observed by all the Camps in the Department. Notable among the observances was the Military Field Mass which was held at the Brooklyn Navy Yard under the auspices of Camp No. 5. This beautiful tribute to the heroic dead has come to be an annual feature and it is probably the most extensively advertised function held under the auspices of the United Spanish War Veterans. The Associated Press flashes the news of this affair all around the world. The thousands who attend testify to its popularity and the magnificence of its spectacle is a scene which lives long in the memory. Too much credit cannot be given to those who yearly take up the burden of this undertaking and it is time that the Department of New York officially recognized this as the feature of Memorial Sunday.

A proper observance of Independence Day, July 4th, should be also undertaken by the Department. The old-fashioned method of celebrating with parades and speechmaking, with singing and the reading of the Declaration of Independence and a general glorification should be revived. This celebration each year ought to be under the auspices of Camps and it will be to the interest of the Camp Patriotic Instructors to inaugurate this work, or rather to resurrect the old celebration.

The other patriotic holidays should be commemorated in a fitting manner and every opportunity seized to further the patriotic work. It is only by taking an active part that the organization will be recognized as the logical successors to the Grand Army of the Republic in everything of a patriotic nature, and it behooves each Comrade charged with the responsibility to at once see to it that the patriotic work is properly carried out.

It is extremely evident that owing to the absence of reports a complete detailed report cannot be given. I trust, however, that

the Comrades who have been appointed to the office of Patriotic Instructor in the various Camps will take the matter seriously and will endeavor to fulfill their duties during the succeeding six months. I am aware that owing to the fact that it has been a new office just created by the National Encampment, that Comrades who have been appointed are not familiar with the workings, but in view of the reports that have been submitted to this Encampment, the Comrades who are holding the offices of Camp Commanders can go back to their Camps with a full knowledge of the duties of Patriotic Instructor.

In conclusion, I want to thank you, Department Commander, for the trust that you have reposed in me in appointing me to this office. I have endeavored to do the best that I could in making this one of the most important offices of the Department. I know that my efforts have to a certain extent been hampered, but nevertheless, I feel that some work has been done, and I congratulate you and the Department upon the inauguration of the patriotic work.

Very respectfully, in F. P. & H.,

JOHN FITZGERALD,  
*Department Patriotic Instructor.*

The conclusion of the reading of above report was the occasion for an outburst of applause.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I recognize Commander Goodwin of Camp No. 62.

COMRADE GOODWIN:

I move you, sir, that in accepting the report of the Department Patriotic Instructor that a vote of thanks be extended to Past Commander Fitzgerald for the very excellent report that he has rendered this Encampment.

COMRADE JOHN J. CORCORAN, Camp No. 2:

(Interrupting the Department Commander in the act of putting the motion). I move you, sir, that — I have fulfilled my duties to the best of my ability and if I have failed to notify the Department Patriotic Instructor it is because I have never received any answer to my letters which I sent to him through my

Commander. As Camp No. 2 is not mentioned in that report I would like it to be known that Camp No. 2 has done its duty, and will continue to do so.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

How did you send this communication?

COMRADE CORCORAN, Camp No. 2:

I sent it to the address issued in the Bulletin — I believe it was in May.

COMRADE FITZGERALD:

My answer to that question is this: I have never received reports from any Camps other than those specified in this report.

COMRADE CORCORAN, Camp No. 2:

Camp No. 2 did as ordered by the Bulletin.

COMRADE FITZGERALD:

I claim that I have not received a report from Camp No. 2; if I had it would be in this report. I will accept a duplicate report and have it pinned to this report and consider it a report.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Department Patriotic Instructor will accept your report and attach it to this and that will be all right.

COMRADE WORRELL, Camp No. 61:

On the suggestion of the Department Commander I forwarded a communication to the Department Patriotic Instructor covering a function that was held at Corona, New York. I did not hear the name mentioned.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

What address did you send it to?

COMRADE WORRELL, Camp No. 61:

To Comrade Fitzgerald's address in Brooklyn. I mailed it about a week or ten days ago. I mailed it at the suggestion of the Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Patriotic Instructor?



Department Historian, PATRICK J. GUILFOYLE





**DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR:**

I will take the same action as in the other case — but I assure you I received no other report.

(Question is called for.)

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

The question has been called for. All those in favor of accepting the Department Patriotic Instructor's report with the complimentary remarks added, please signify by saying "Aye." (Carried unanimously.)

**A COMRADE:**

I move we adjourn. It is time to eat.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

We have only two more reports. One is very short. We will now listen to the Department Historian, Comrade Patrick J. Guilfoyle of Syracuse.

**Report of the Department Historian**

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:**

I hold here in my hand a large bundle of papers, they are a history of the different Camps in the Department that have been rendered to me during my term of office. I am very sorry to say that during my term of office not half of the Camps in the Department have made a Historian's report; but some of them who have been in a position to do so have done it and made excellent reports. I want to call your particular attention to three or four. First: The Seyburn-Liscum Camp of Buffalo. Second: The Bucky O'Neill Camp of Buffalo; and third: The Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp of New York. These are the only Camps in the Department, which were received by the Department Historian, that have made up a complete detailed report of everything that occurred in the Camp during the time that I have held office.

Now, the Department Historian's position is a peculiar one. To me, at least, not knowing the duties of the office when I assumed it. I have tried during my term, and with the assistance so kindly given me by the Department Commander through the



regular orders issued to the Camps, endeavored to get a Department Historian's record from the different Camp Historians. I have written a personal letter to the Camp Commanders of the different Camps when I didn't get a report.

Now, I say to the Comrades here that if this office is of any great importance to us — and I believe it is one of the most important offices in the Department; where the history of the Spanish-American War is written in the pages of American history and every school boy and girl reads it and feels pride that their father, their brother, or their self, have had some part in the history of the "Boys of 1898."

But the reports that I have received here are the different functions of the Camps interwoven with the different Camps' history; and I will, with your permission, turn them over as part of my comparatively long report to avoid occupying your time at this late hour by my reading them.

I want to thank the Department Commander for his kind assistance in trying to get the data that composed these sheets. I also wish to thank the different Camp Historians who so kindly submitted their reports and assisted me in making up this final report of the Department Historian. I know that I have not fulfilled the duty as I would like to have filled it. I know I have not filled the position as it ought to be filled, but I have filled it to the best of my ability with the material at hand, and thank all those who have helped me to do so.

A COMRADE from Camp No. 2:

I move that the report be accepted and that permission be given to do as requested.

COMRADE FLOREA, Camp No. 19:

Department Commander, is there a question before the house?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Was that motion seconded? (A voice: "Yes.")

It is regularly moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Department Historian. All those in favor of accepting the Department Historian's report with the Camp reports attached, say "Aye."

(Carried.)

A COMRADE from Camp No. 19:

I move that such Camps as have not submitted their reports to the Department Historian be allowed to do so if they get them in prior to the printing of these proceedings.

(Duly seconded.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

All those in favor of this motion signify by saying "Aye."

(Carried.)

(Here follow the reports referred to, from the Camp Historians.)

#### MANHATTAN CAMP NO. 1, NEW YORK CITY

*Department Historian:*

SIR.—The inception of Manhattan Camp No. 1, United Spanish War Veterans, dates back to October 13, 1898. A few Comrades of the Fifth United States Volunteer Artillery, formed themselves into what was known at that time as the Robert McNeil Bivouac and had as its Commander Bernard Reinold. The name was changed to the Manhattan Commander No. 5 and became affiliated with the Spanish War Veterans. When the consolidation of all Spanish War Veterans Organizations was effected in 1904, Manhattan Commander No. 5 was designated as Manhattan Camp No. 1, United Spanish War Veterans. Manhattan Camp's Charter contains the names of men from all stations of life, including men who are prominent in the social, commercial and political life of this great metropolis.

On two occasions has Manhattan Camp been honored by the State Encampments, by the selection of Comrade Champ S. Andrews and Comrade Bernard Wall to represent the Department of New York as Department Commanders.

The Past Commanders of Manhattan Camp are: B. Reinold, Theo. J. Schmid, J. Thomson, Champ S. Andrews, W. J. Moore, B. J. Fagan, Bernard Wall, John S. Adair, P. F. Harney, William E. Downs, John McDermott.

The present incumbent of the office of Camp Commander is Comrade Paul Stobbe.

Manhattan Camp has the distinguished honor of being the first Camp to enroll one entire Post of the Grand Army of the Re-

public as Honorary Members of the United Spanish War Veterans. The Noah L. Farnham Post G. A. R. was mustered into Manhattan Camp as Honorary Comrades in a body and the presence of these veterans of the past was indeed a very inspiring incident in the life of Manhattan Camp.

In Manhattan Camp there has been organized an Associate Society of the Noah L. Farnham Post G. A. R. It might be well at this time to say that the Associate Society of Noah L. Farnham Post G. A. R. is composed of only Comrades of Manhattan Camp and further, no one can become a member of this particular Associate Society unless they are Comrades of Manhattan Camp, and then only when they are in good standing in the Camp.

It would be will if our beloved Order would encourage the formation of these societies so that the name "Grand Army of the Republic" would be perpetuated.

The Camp owns several relics relative to the Spanish-American War, including a Maine Memorial Tablet which was unveiled by Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, who was in command of the U. S. S. "Maine" at the time of its destruction in Havana Harbor. Manhattan Camp No. 1 has the largest number of members in the Department of New York, and has always been active in advancing the principles of "Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity."

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WELLER,

*Camp Historian.*

Approved.

PAUL S. STOBBE, *Commander.*

July 7, 1914.

MARCUS D. RUSSELL, CAMP No. 2, TROY, N. Y.

*The Department Historian:*

SIR.—I hereby submit the following report, hoping that the same meets with kind approval.

June 29, 1913. Reunion was held at Tibbit's Hall; Past Commander Thomas J. Bourke presided. Between four hundred and five hundred who served in the Spanish-American War were present. Judge Advocate Calvin S. McChesney made an able

address, which was warmly received. Remarks were also made by Department Commander Ralph H. Parker of New York City, Chief of Staff Alfred J. Kennedy, and Department Aide James Reynolds of Flushing, Long Island, and representatives from Camps located at Saratoga, Glens Falls, Schenectady, Albany, Hudson, Whitehall and Cohoes were in evidence.

This function was a grand success and the means of adding twenty-five names to the active roll of our Camp.

December 11, 1913. Annual election of officers was held, and the following Comrades were chosen to serve for the ensuing year: Commander, William J. Tyner, Jr.; Senior Vice-Commander, Zera D. Link; Junior Vice-Commander, T. Jackson Falls; Officer of the Guard, Alexander P. Sheridan; Officer of the Day, Philip Muskat; Trustee, Eugene C. Herring.

Eight new carbines which were purchased from the Watervliet Arsenal, to be used by firing squads at funerals, became the property of the Camp by transfer from Commander Bourke.

Marcus D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary No. 16, United Spanish War Veterans, are perfecting plans to present to the Camp a Stand of Colors.

December 13, 1913. Thomas J. English who served in the First Volunteer Engineers in Porto Rico, was buried this afternoon. Comrade English was not affiliated with the Organization and in compliance with a request from his family the following Comrades of the Camp volunteered to act as bearers: Past Department Commander William J. Cunningham; Past Commander George W. McCune; Commander Thomas J. Bourke and Chaplain Albert Kussman.

December 23, 1913. Camp Russell received a beautiful Stand of Silk Camp Colors from Marcus D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary No. 16, United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York. Acceptance by Commander Thomas J. Bourke. In conjunction with the presentation of the flag there was an interesting little ceremony of a patriotic nature: a color guard of eight members of the Auxiliary, each bearing a small American flag, escorting George Dial, carrying the colors presented to the Camp, marched into the hall and standing at attention while the colors were turned over to the Department Judge Advocate

Calvin S. McChesney. At the conclusion of the acceptance of the colors a beautiful repast was served and an excellent program of musical and vocal selections was rendered.

December 29, 1913. William E. Sharp who served in the Second United States Engineers, was duly elected to membership. The Camp went on record as being opposed to changing the Stars and Stripes as proposed by Wayne Whipple, of Germantown, Pa. The Camp by a unanimous vote approved of the course taken by Department Commander Parker, and the Comrades in no uncertain terms voiced their disapproval of Congressman Whipple.

January 4, 1914. Comrade Herbert Herring, who served in Company B, Second Regiment, New York Volunteers, was buried this afternoon with full military honors. Large delegations were present from Marcus D. Russell Auxiliary and Camp. At the grave services were in charge of Commander Thomas J. Bourke, Albert Kussman acted as Chaplain; Past Commander John J. Corcoran, Senior Vice-Commander William J. Tyner, Jr., and Adjutant Zera D. Link, assisted in the ritualistic work. Taps were sounded by Musician Bert Tillotson. Three volleys were fired by the Firing Squad who were as follows: Past Commander George W. McCune, James J. O'Connor; John J. Corcoran, Comrades Samuel E. Rounds, Elwood E. Edwards, T. Jackson Falls, and Quartermaster Joseph F. Tinney, and Sergeant of the Guard A. J. Richards. The bearers were Senior Vice-Commander William J. Tyner, Jr., Adjutant Zera D. Link, Musician Bert Tillotson, Chaplain Albert Kussman and Comrades H. Quincy Miller and Walter S. Smith. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery.

January 8, 1914. Joint installation of officers of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans of Department of New York and Marcus D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary No. 16 of the Department of New York was held at the court house this evening. The rooms were profusely decorated with the National colors, guidons bearing the inscription: "The Boys of '98," and accoutrements such as used during the Spanish-American War. Judge Advocate of the Department of New York, Calvin S. McChesney, installed the Camp Officers, assisted by Past Commander John J. Corcoran, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, and Past President Mrs. Sarah Bleakley, inducted into office the new officers of the Auxiliary.

A memorial service in honor of the dead Comrades who had answered the call of the Supreme Commander during the past year was in charge of Adjutant Zera D. Link, assisted by Past Commanders George W. McCune and Edward T. Treambly. Comrades who died during the past year are as follows:

Joseph D. Williams, private, Troop G, 6th U. S. Cavalry.  
 James Egan, private, Company K, 1st U. S. Infantry.  
 Daniel T. Chrystal, private, Company G, 29th U. S. Volunteers.  
 Jas. L. Robertson, private, 1st Regiment Volunteer Engineers.  
 Frank Cartwright, private, Company H. 7th U. S. Infantry.  
 Thomas J. English, private, 1st Regiment Volunteer Engineers.  
 Herbert Herring, private, Company B, 2d Regiment, N. Y. Vounteers; and

C. Whitney Tillinghast, 2d Adjutant-General of the State of New York during the Spanish-American War, who was an honorary member of Marcus D. Russell Camp.

Retiring Commander Bourke made an able address reviewing the work accomplished during his term of office and closing his remarks by extending his sincere thanks to all for the courtesies extended to him during his Commandership.

The newly installed Commander William J. Tyner, Jr., upon assuming the chair, expressed his appreciation of the confidence placed in him by being honored with the highest gift the Camp could bestow upon a Comrade and frankly stated that he would discharge his duties without fear or favor.

Commander Tyner was presented with a unique gavel as a mark of respect from his Comrades. The gathering was not confined to Veterans of the Spanish-American War and their kindred organizations. A large number of the men who served in 1861 to 1865, and their respective auxiliaries were present. A musical and literary program of entertainment was successfully carried out and an excellent banquet was enjoyed by all present.

January 22, 1914. At the meeting of the Camp held this evening it was decided to observe four anniversaries, as follows: Thursday evening, February 12, 1914, one hundred and fifth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Fourteen anniversary of the institution of Camp Russell. Sixteenth anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine, and George Washington's

birthday. The program will be of a patriotic nature and will include speeches and songs. Committee appointed to perfect arrangements: Zera D. Link, Chairman, Commander William J. Tyner, Jr., Past Department Commander William J. Cunningham, Patriotic Instructor John J. Corcoran; Past Commanders: George W. McCune, Eugene C. Herring, James J. O'Connor and Thomas J. Bourke; Junior Vice-Commander T. Jackson Falls, Quartermaster Joseph F. Tinney, Adjutant John G. Smyth, Officer of the Guard Alexander P. Sheridan, Officer of the Day Philip Muskat, Chaplain A. Kussman, Musicians B. Tillotson and B. Grace, Sergeant of the Guard A. J. Richard and Walter S. Smith.

January 29, 1914. The Committee having charge of observing the anniversaries on Thursday evening February 12, 1914, met this evening and Patriotic Instructor John J. Corcoran and Past Commanders George W. McCune and Thomas J. Bourke were chosen to secure if possible the following speakers: Judge Advocate of the Department Calvin S. McChesney on "George Washington;" Colonel James M. Snyder on "Abraham Lincoln;" Assistant Adjutant General John P. Treanor on the "Institution of the Camp;" and Comrade Fred E. Draper, Jr., on "The Destruction of the Battleship Maine."

February 2, 1914. Historian James J. O'Connor called the Camp's attention to the unfortunate condition of a Comrade-at-Arms, John W. Lattimore, a relative of the wife of Abraham Lincoln, and who served as a sergeant in the United States Cavalry, hero of the Spanish-American War, and Honor Post Graduate of Yale University, who is paralyzed, sightless and in poverty. He has applied for a pension, but the red tape has delayed it. Comrade resides in a little cottage in Garvanza Hills near Los Angeles, Cal.

The semi-annual report of Quartermaster Joseph F. Tinney was favorably received, and shows the finances of the Camp to be in a flourishing condition.

February 5, 1914. At the regular meeting of Marcus D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary No. 16, United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, which was held this evening, it was decided unanimously to attend the observances on Thursday evening, February 12, 1914.

February 8, 1914. A meeting of the Officers of the Department of New York was held in the Judge Advocate's office in the court house this evening. The conference was called for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for suitable action regarding several proposed enactments now before the legislative bodies of the State at Albany, which are in the interest of the veteran organizations of the State, were approved by the Committee and arrangements made for the attendance of representatives of the Organization at such hearings as may be given by the Legislative Committees. A number of bills which are unfriendly to the Veterans will be opposed by the Legislative Committee of the Organization.

The following were in attendance: Department Commander Ralph H. Parker of New York; Past Department Commander William J. Cunningham of Troy; Past Department Commander Chauncey W. Herrick of Oneonta; John E. J. Claire of New York; Camp Commander John S. Strachen of Schenectady and Judge Advocate of the Department Calvin S. McChesney. The visiting Comrades were entertained by Past Department Commander William J. Cunningham and Judge Advocate Calvin S. McChesney.

February 9, 1914. A committee meeting was held this afternoon to further arrangements for the observances which will take place Thursday evening February 12, 1914, in the supervisors' rooms at the court house in honor of the three patriotic anniversaries and the Camp's institution, which include the one hundred and fifth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the fourteenth anniversary of the inception of Marcus D. Russell Camp, the sixteenth anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana Harbor on February 15, 1898, and the one hundred and eighty-second anniversary of the birth of George Washington, the father of his country. The speakers will include Past Commander Philip M. Wales of Griswold Post No. 338 of the Grand Army of the Republic; Patriotic Instructor John J. Corcoran; Past Commander John P. Treanor; Assistant Adjutant General of the State of New York; Judge Advocate Calvin S. McChesney; and Comrade Frederick E. Draper, Jr. Services of leaders will be secured for the singing of patriotic



songs. Invitations have been extended to all Civil and Spanish Warsmen and their kindred organizations of Troy and the vicinity and an instructive and patriotic program will be carried out.

February 9, 1914. "In memory of the Maine dead."

"Sunday, February 15, 1914: Being the sixteenth anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine, in which two hundred and sixty-eight of our Comrades lost their lives in Havana, Cuba, I should like to ask that all patriotic citizens display the American flag at half-mast on that date in honor of the men who lost their lives at that time.

"JOHN J. CORCORAN,

*"Patriotic Instructor, Marcus D. Russell Camp  
No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans of the  
Department of New York."*

"P. S.—Owing to the inclement weather which prevailed on Saturday afternoon February 14, 1914, Mayor Cornelius F. Burns countermanded the order and the American flag was not displayed from the public buildings of the City of Troy, N. Y."

February 11, 1914. In response to the request for a number of school children to lead in the singing of the patriotic songs at the anniversary celebration of Marcus D. Russell Camp on Thursday evening, Miss Anna A. Green, Principal of School No. 14, has promised to furnish a chorus of forty voices. A request was made for a double quartet, but the children responded so readily to the invitation that the Principal was able to select a large chorus of the best voices. Professor Michael T. Moran, instructor of music in the public schools, has been training the children for the past several days. A program of five patriotic songs which includes: "The Star Spangled Banner," "America," "Tenting To-night," "Rally 'Round the Flag," and Keller's "American Hymn." Each singer will be provided with an American flag, which they will wave during the rendition of the patriotic songs. Professor Michael T. Moran will direct the singing and the accompaniments will be rendered by the Troy High School Orchestra.

February 12, 1914. The birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln — perhaps the foremost figure in American history — was observed this evening by Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans, united with the Lincoln Day celebration exercises commemorating the institution of the Camp; destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana Harbor; and birthday of George Washington. The celebration of the four great anniversaries by Marcus D. Russell Camp adds another red letter page to the history of the organization, and brought a large gathering of the members of the Camp and Camp Auxiliary, Veterans of the Civil War and kindred organizations and citizens generally.

The meeting was held in the rooms of the Board of Supervisors. The National colors were displayed in profusion and portraits of "Washington," "Lincoln," "McKinley" and "Marcus Denison Russell" were conspicuously displayed draped with "Old Glory" and accoutrements such as used by the men of "'61-65," and "The Boys of '98," were much in evidence. The presence of the school children from School No. 14, who led in the singing of patriotic airs was one of the delightful and inspiring features. Judge Advocate Calvin S. McChesney of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, and who was listed as one of the speakers, was unable to be present.

#### PROGRAM

Opening Ceremonies, M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, U. S. W. V.  
Call to Colors, Musicians Grace and Tillotson.

Star Spangled Banner, Chorus of School No. 14 and  
Assemblage.

Salute to the Flag, Assemblage.

Invocation, Chaplain Albert Kussman, Russell Camp.

Address of Welcome, Commander Wm. J. Tyner, Jr., Russell  
Camp.

"America," School No. 14 and Assemblage.

M. D. Russell Camp's Fourteenth Anniversary, Past Com-  
mander John P. Treanor.

"Tenting tonight," School No. 14 and Assemblage.

Abraham Lincoln, Post Commander Philip M. Wales, Post  
Griswold, Grand Army of the Republic.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Patriotic Instructor John J. Corcoran, Marcus D. Russell Camp.

Rapid Events on the Last Work of the Conflict Between the North and the South, Hon. Calvin E. Keach, Esq.

"Rally 'Round the Flag," School 14 and Assemblage.

Tribute to Marine Band, Assemblage.

Taps: "Nearer My God to Thee," Musician Tillotson and School No. 14.

The Destruction of the "Maine," Comrade Frederick E. Draper, Jr.

George Washington, Department Judge-Advocate Calvin S. McChesney.

Keller's American Hymn, School 14 and Assemblage.

Visitor's Remarks, Department Historian P. J. Guilfoyle of Syracuse, N. Y.

*Honorary Members.*— Past Commander Robert W. Edwards, Post Griswold, G. A. R.; Commander William H. Kilfoyle, Post McConihe, G. A. R.; Commander B. B. Martis, Post Willard, G. A. R.; Commander John E. Vandenburg, Post Tibbits, G. A. R.; Commander William H. Gilbert, Post Griswold, G. A. R.

Principal, Miss Anna A. Green, School No. 14.

Closing Ceremonies, Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, U. S. W. V.

During the exercises the Camp was presented with a beautiful stand of silk National colors. The presentation speech was made by President Mrs. Joseph F. Tinney of Marcus D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary No. 16 of the United Spanish War Veterans on behalf of Mrs. Mary L. Russell, mother of Marcus Denison Russell, whose name the Camp bears. The gift was accepted in a few well-chosen remarks by Commander William J. Tyner, Jr. At the conclusion of the program, through the hospitality of the Marcus D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary, a dainty luncheon was served. The Committee in charge of the affair was composed of the Officers of the Camp.

February 12, 1914. Commander William J. Tyner, Jr., made an announcement that the Comrades of the Camp were cordially invited to attend the Seventh Anniversary of the Institution of

Marcus D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary No. 16, which will be observed on Thursday evening, February 19, 1914, at their rooms in Keenan Hall. The program will be of a patriotic nature, which will include speechmaking, vocal and musical selections, concluding with a reception of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans. Addresses will be made by the past and present officers of both the Auxiliary and the Camp.

February 18, 1914. Malolon Lair, No. 11, Military Order of the Serpent, a social division of the United Spanish War Veterans of Marcus D. Russell Camp, will hold its first annual installation of officers and the initiation of sixteen companions who will be instructed in the mysteries of the Orient at Ruoff's Hall on Monday evening, February 23, 1914. The full degree team of the Grand Lair of the State of New York, with headquarters at Saratoga Springs, will be present. Charles E. Van Pelt and Fred W. Dunson will direct the degree work. At the conclusion of the initiation a chicken supper will be enjoyed at the home of Past Commander Thomas J. Bourke.

February 20, 1914. The Seventh Anniversary of the Institution of Marcus D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary No. 16 of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, was celebrated last evening at their rooms in Keenan Hall, which was literally draped in the National colors. The vast assemblage was called to order by the President, Mrs. Joseph F. Tinney, who extended a most hearty welcome to all in attendance. The first speaker was Past Commander and Camp Historian James J. O'Connor of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans, who spoke as follows:

"The Ladies Auxiliary of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans, was instituted on Thursday evening February 14, 1907, in the rooms of the Rensselaer County War Veterans' Association at the county court house. Several moves were made to found the Auxiliary previous to this time, but were unsuccessful until the above date, when I took the matter in hand and after considerable yeoman service secured the hearty co-operation of sixty-four patriotic women of Troy and the vicinity, many of whom still retain membership in the organization. One of the chart-

ered members of this association was Mrs. Mary L. Russell, the mother of Marcus D. Russell, in whose honor the Camp was named. The Installing Officer on this occasion was Department President Mrs. Mary Gedney, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., and who later was President-General of the Order. She has since passed beyond, and to her memory a beautiful monument has been erected by the Auxiliaries throughout the country. At the time of the Auxiliary's inception, Mrs. Gedney stated that it was the second largest organization of its kind in the country and ranked first in mustering in the largest number of members at one time. The Comrades of Russell Camp were present in large numbers on this occasion of the installation, a banquet was served by the ladies in the court house, and a musical and literary program was successfully carried out.

The Auxiliary, like all others, had its trials and tribulations, but survived all ordeals until at the present time it stands as one of the foremost and most progressive patriotic bodies of women in the State of New York, and in whose hands the welfare of the future mothers and masters of men can be safely left. That the Auxiliary has been the right bower of the Camp has been demonstrated on many occasions and it is hoped that the same friendly relations will be continued for time indefinite."

Past President Mrs. Sarah A. Bleakley was the next speaker after Past Commander O'Connor. Mrs. Bleakley was the first president of the Auxiliary, and filled the chair during the first two terms of the existence of the organization. She spoke of the work of the Auxiliary from the time it was organized until the present time, recounting many matters of interest in connection with the history of the organization. She took pains to reflect the cordial relations which have always existed between the Camp and the Auxiliary from the time it was instituted down to the present time.

Other speakers were Past Department President Miss Ada C. Van Tuyl of Albany, N. Y.; Department Guard Mrs. Fridenarch also of Albany, N. Y.; and President Mrs. Mary Tygart of Captain Frank R. Palmer Auxiliary No. 16 of the United Spanish War Veterans of Albany, N. Y.

Responses were also made by the following Comrades of Russell Camp: Past Commander George W. McCune, John J. Corcoran, Thomas J. Bourke, and Eugene C. Herring, Commander William J. Tyner, Jr., Junior Vice-Commander T. Jackson Falls, Chaplain Albert Kussman, Quartermaster Joseph F. Tinney, Musician Bert Grace and Bert Tillotson, and Comrade Charles P. Bragle, Jr., Past President Mrs. Sarah Geoghan and President Mrs. Joseph F. Tinney of the Russell Auxiliary also responded with pleasing remarks. Following the speechmaking an excellent program of musical and vocal numbers was rendered and a bountiful repast was enjoyed.

February 24, 1914: Malolon Lair No. 11, Military Order of the Serpent, held its first annual installation of officers last evening and the following companions were inducted into office:

Gu Gu Grandississimo: William J. Tyner, Jr.

Most Highest Datto: George W. McCune.

High Keepers of the Slick and Slimy of the Ophedian:

Charles P. Bragle, Jr., John J. Seigle, T. Jackson Falls and A. J. Richards.

Thrice Infamous Inferior Gu Gu: Thomas J. Bourke.

Lord High Keeper of the Sacred Amphoria: Joseph F. Tinney.

The following companions were admitted into the Order: George W. McCune, Mathias Glossner, Walter S. Smith, Edward M. Jackson, Bert Tillotson, Philip Muskat, John G. Smyth, John J. Corcoran, John J. Seigle, Elmwood E. Edwards, Alexander P. Sheridan, James J. O'Connor, Joseph F. Tinney, A. J. Richards, Albert Kussman and Zera D. Link. Members of Marcus D. Russell initiated prior to the inception of Malolon Lair No. 11: William J. Cunningham, Eugene C. Herring, Clarence E. Hines, Barnhardt Hilt, Thomas J. Bourke, John J. Curtin, William J. Tyner, and Christian Johnson.

The ceremonies were in charge of Acting Grand Gu Gu Fred W. Dunson of Saratoga, assisted by the following degree team of Malolon Lair No. 6 of Saratoga Springs:

Grand Gu Gu, Fred W. Dunson (acting); Datto, F. E. Calkins; Chief Ladrone, L. J. Follett; Ungodly Villian, H. S. Fosmire; Depraved Pangulo, C. E. Van Pelt (Grand Gu Gu); Insidious Thumper Sanctified Sheepskin of the Tom Tom, R. R. Cooney;

Lord High Compellers of the Local Bull Cart, F. W. Meehan and M. F. Wills; Diabolical Keeper of the Sacred Thud Bang, E. W. Spaulding, and Ceaseless Keeper of the Peevish, J. H. Broughton.

The ceremonies of the initiation of officers and companions was one keenly enjoyed by all in attendance and one which lingers long in the memories of all participants.

Subsequently a chicken supper was served at the restaurant of Thrice Infamous Inferior Gu Gu Thomas J. Bourke. Remarks were made by Grand Gu Gu Chas. E. Van Pelt; Gu Gu William J. Tyner, Jr.; Grand Thrice Inferior Gu Gu Fred W. Dunson, Datto George W. McCune, and Companions William J. Cunningham and John J. Corcoran.

February 26, 1914. A regular session of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans was held this evening, Commander William J. Tyner, Jr., presided. An invitation was received and accepted from Captain Frank P. Palmer Camp No. 28, United Spanish War Veterans of Albany, N. Y., to attend a social function which will occur on Monday evening March 2, 1914. Another fraternal invitation was received and accepted to attend a lecture to be given by David Goldstein on "Christianity versus Socialism," at Music Hall, Monday evening, March 2, 1914, under the direction of the Knights of Columbus of Troy, N. Y.

Miss Caroline Dixon, Secretary of the Women's Political Union, conveyed a vote of thanks to the Camp for permission granted the association to send speakers to address the meeting on Thursday evening, March 12, 1914.

Senior Vice-Commander Zera D. Link, Chairman of the Lincoln Day exercises, made a most favorable report and the Committee was discharged with a vote of thanks.

A commendatory letter was received from Department Commander Ralph H. Parker of New York, regarding the manner of observing the recent anniversaries.

A committee consisting of Senior Vice-Commander Zera D. Link, Sergeant of the Guard Thomas J. Bourke, and Quartermaster Joseph F. Tinney, was appointed to arrange for entertainments.

In compliance with a request from Adjutant-General G. E.

Rausch, of Washington, D. C., the Camp went on record urging the immediate passage of the Widows and Orphans' Pension Bill, House Bill No. 13014, which is pending in Congress, and Adjutant John G. Smyth was instructed to send letters to Vice-President Marshall, Senator Root and O'Gorman, Speaker Champ Clark, Leader Underwood, and to Congressmen Ten Eyck and Parker, requesting their aid towards the passage of the measure.

Quartermaster Joseph F. Tinney, Patriotic Instructor John J. Corcoran, Chaplain Albert Kussman, Quartermaster Sergeant Thomas J. Bourke and Sergeant of the Guard A. J. Richards were appointed to act as a Uniform Committee.

Commander Tyner appointed the Comrades of the Camp as a Committee of One to recruit the Organization.

Letters of commendation were ordered sent to Mayor Cornelius F. Burns in recognition of the proclamation issued by him ordering the flags to be placed at half-mast on all public buildings on Sunday, February 15, 1914, in honor of the "Maine's" dead; and increasing the Relief Fund for the Camp's disbursement, which is appropriated by the city.

February 26, 1914. A Crawl of Malolon Lair No. 11, Military Order of the Serpant, was held last evening. Gu Gu William J. Tyner, Jr., presided and the only business transacted was to perfect arrangements for the equipment of the degree team.

March 12, 1914. The funeral of Richard Driscoll who died in New York City, March 9, 1914, was held from his family residence No. 186 Hill street this morning, thence to St. Mary's Church, and was largely attended. Rev. Thomas A. Flanagan celebrated a requiem high mass. A delegation from Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2 attended. The body was taken from the church to St. Mary's Cemetery, where it was buried with full military honors. At the grave the services were conducted by the United Spanish War Veterans in charge of William J. Tyner, Jr., Commander; Patriotic Instructor John J. Corcoran acting as Chaplain. Past Department Commander William J. Cunningham, Past Commander George W. McCune, and Historian James J. O'Connor assisted in the ritualistic work. Three volleys were fired by the Firing Squad composed of Commander William J. Tyner, Jr., Past Department Commander William J.



Cunningham, Past Commander George W. McCune, Patriotic Instructor John J. Corcoran, Historian James J. O'Connor, Comrades William J. Leconby, Jr., Alphonse Le May and A. L. Condit. Taps were sounded by Musician Arthur W. Bills. The late Comrade Driscoll served in Company L, 29th Regiment, United States Volunteer Infantry, during the insurrection in the Philippines.

A regular meeting of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans was held this evening, Commander Tyner presiding. Much business was transacted. General Orders No. 8 was received and read from Department Commander Ralph H. Parker of New York City and contained many items of importance and interest to all Comrades.

Official announcement has been made of the appointment of Past Commander John J. Fitzgerald; of Major General George F. Elliott, Camp No. 84 of Brooklyn, as Department Patriotic Instructor.

Camp inspections will be held during the months of April and May.

Favorable replies were received from Speaker Champ Clark, Senators Root and O'Gorman, Congressman Ten Eyck and Parker, which stated that they are in favor of the the Widows and Orphans' Pension Bill and will do all in their power to assist in its passage.

Historian O'Connor was authorized to communicate with Congressman Ten Eyck, requesting him to secure if possible, all legislative matter in book form pertaining to the Spanish-American War.

The Spanish War Veterans' Civil Service Association of the State of New York made urgent appeal for assistance and protection to the Camp, which resulted in the Camp's hearty co-operation, and the following committee was appointed to assist in the preservation and general welfare of the organization. Past Department Commander William J. Cunningham, Adjutant John G. Smyth, Comrades E. A. Pillsworth and John J. Duffy.

Senior Vice-Commander Zera D. Link, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, made the following report, stating that he had perfected plans with the Lytell-Vaughan Stock Company to

present at Rand's Opera House on Monday evening, April 20, 1914, "Salome Jane," under the auspices of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, U. S. W. V.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Thomas J. Bourke, of the Uniform Committee, made a progressive report, and an extension of time was granted to further report.

*Memorial Day Committee.*—Commander, William J. Tyner, Jr.; Senior Vice-Commander, Zera D. Link; Junior Vice-Commander, T. Jackson Falls; Past Commanders, John J. Corcoran, John P. Treanor, William J. Cunningham, George W. McCune, Edward T. Treambly, James J. O'Connor, Michael F. Rogers, Eugene C. Herring, and Thomas J. Burke; Chaplain, Albert Kussman; Officer of the Day, Philip Muskat; Officer of the Guard, Alexander P. Sheridan; Musician, Bert Tillotson; Sergeant of the Guard, A. J. Richards; Color Sergeants, George Dial and M. F. Hastings; Trustee, James A. Reynolds; Comrades, Edward M. Jackson, Clarence E. Hines, Walter S. Smith, Charles Ryan, John J. Duffy, John Christensen, Fred W. Smith, William Neville, Elmwood E. Edwards, John J. Curtin, John J. Seigle, William Leconby, Jr., Harry E. Sibley and Joseph Sherlock.

Miss Marion Clark of Massachusetts addressed the meeting in behalf of the Women's Political Union, using for the topic, "Fair Play," and presented a resolution which was adopted by the Organization, to be presented to Lieutenant-Governor Wagner, Chairman Blauvelt, Senator McKnight, Assemblymen Schwarz and Taylor, asking them to pass the Women Watchers' Bill, as it came out of the Assembly.

The Camp subscribed for the American Standard, a Spanish War Veterans' Journal.

The Quartermaster was empowered to purchase a book to be used to record all deaths of Spanish War Veterans of Troy and vicinity, and their records as far as possible.

A committee will be selected for the purpose of securing if possible a bronze tablet of the battleship "Maine."

The Camp went on record as endorsing Quartermaster Joseph F. Tinney as Secretary of the Memorial Day Committee.

The Camp decided that the Firing Squad will only attend funerals of members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Spanish War Veterans' Camps.

The Mayor of Watervliet was requested to appropriate \$25 to be used for Memorial Day exercises.

Oscar A. Reck, who served in Company D, Second Regiment, New York Volunteers, was admitted into the Order.

May 30, 1914: Over thirty Comrades of the Camp assisted in the marking and decorating the graves of the Grand Army of the Republic and United Spanish War Veterans. The full Camp participated in the Memorial Day Parade and the exercises which were held in the State Armory.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,

*Camp Historian.*

Approved:

W. J. TYNER, JR., *Commander.*

July 7, 1914.

THOMAS J. BARBER CAMP NO. 3, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

*The Department Historian:*

SIR.— This Camp was originally chartered on February 9, 1900, as the Thomas H. Barber Command No. 14, Spanish-American War Veterans, and had a charter membership of seventy-seven (77) at that time.

On April 18, 1904, this Camp received its new charter as Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3, United Spanish War Veterans, with a charter membership of thirty-eight (38) Comrades who had stood by the colors of the original organization.

Barber Camp is perhaps the most active Camp in this part of the State, which is due to the active interest shown by many of its Comrades and the loyal support given by the citizens of Binghamton.

In the year 1912 this Camp had the honor of entertaining the Ninth Annual Department Encampment, as well as the Sisters of the Auxiliaries, and our Companions of the Military Order of the Serpent. We believe that our efforts to properly entertain the Comrades assembled at this Encampment were successful, and that at some future time our Comrades, our Sisters and our Companions will again be our guests.

The Past Commanders of this Camp are as follows:

A. K. Roberts.....	1900
A. K. Roberts.....	1901
F. O. Seymour.....	1902
F. W. Wood.....	1903
L. Seymour.....	1904
L. Seymour.....	1905
C. J. Stoltz.....	1906
C. J. Stoltz.....	1907
Geo. O. Gay.....	1908
John T. Smith.....	1909
H. P. Worthing.....	1910
R. W. Gilbert.....	1911
T. S. Scott.....	1912
W. T. Hunt.....	1913
Wm. E. Loomis, by transfer.	

Publicity has always received careful attention of the Camp Officers, and I am pleased to report that during the year 1914 to date we have received 116 newspaper notices of all kinds.

At the close of this term we have a membership of 135 Comrades in good standing. Some of our members reside in the outlying towns, but every effort is made to make the meetings of this Camp of sufficient interest to bring them into Binghamton on Camp meeting nights.

Respectfully submitted,  
 ROY W. SHERWOOD,  
*Camp Historian.*

Approved:  
 CLARENCE E. LATHROP, *Commander.*  
 June 30, 1914.

WILLIAM H. HUBBELL CAMP No. 4, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

*Department Historian:*

SIR.— Pursuant to Bulletin No. 9, section 3, I respectfully submit the following history of William Hubbell Camp No. 14:

The Camp was organized on April 25th in the year 1899 as Hubbell Post No. 1, and named after Colonel William H. Hub-

bell, who commanded the 47th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, in the Porto Rico campaign during the war with Spain, and who, prior to his demise on August 26, 1902, was chosen Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish War Veterans.

This, the first organization, was mustered into the National Encampment, Spanish War Veterans, as William H. Hubbell Command No. 12 on February 13, 1900, and received its charter the same date.

Upon the consolidation of the Spanish War Veterans and the United Spanish War Veterans in 1904, a new Charter was issued and the name changed to William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, United Spanish War Veterans, with 186 names on the Charter.

It is the parent Camp of several Camps in the Borough. Among its former members were the organizers of George D. Russell, Henry Lawton and Capron Camps. Over forty-four regiments and nearly every ship that took part in the war with Spain are represented in the make up of the Camp.

At its own expense the Camp erected a monument in Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, over the grave of Colonel William H. Hubbell, and the first Sunday in every June memorial exercises are held, to which all Camps are invited.

The Camp also placed a tablet in Christ Church in memory of the members of the Forty-seventh Regiment who died at Porto Rico.

Since amalgamation in April, 1904, its muster rolls show seven hundred and twenty, with an active membership to date of about two hundred and eighty-five.

Since April, 1904, the Camp lost forty-two comrades. All deceased members are buried with military honors. Every Memorial Sunday the graves of these are decorated, as well as about 100 others who never became affiliated with the order.

The Camp's assets are over three thousand (\$3,000) dollars.

It is planning for the erection of a Hubbell Memorial Hall.

The Camp takes an active part in all parades, averaging about one hundred and fifty (150) men, mostly all uniformed.

The Camp also takes a leading part in the annual Washington Birthday celebration held in one of the large armories of Brooklyn.

The Camp has a Sons of Veterans Organization which takes part in all parades, uniformed.

The Camp has an annual entertainment and ball every Spring, with an attendance averaging twenty-five hundred (2,500) people.

In recruiting, great care is taken as to the quality or rather the character of the recruits.

Discipline during the Camp meeting is strictly enforced and observed.

#### RELICS.

1 Powder can, relic of the U. S. S. "Maine."

1 Tablet of the U. S. S. "Maine."

1 Philippine revolver.

1 Philippine machette.

1 Spanish ensign.

1 Silver cup won by Camp attendance in parade at National Convention at Atlantic City, September, 1912.

1 Department gold medal for recruiting, 1906.

The Camp Historian attends to proper newspaper publicity concerning all matters in reference to Camp functions.

The following are the Past Commanders since the amalgamation:

Col. Wm. Hubbell, Past Commander in Chief, 1904.

William J. S. Dineen, 1904.

William J. S. Dineen, 1905.

Capt. Henry A. F. Young, 1906.

Clinton P. Hamilton, 1907.

Capt. Henry A. F. Young, 1908.

Chas. V. Stevens, 1909.

Wm. Dunney, 1910.

Harry E. Smith, 1911.

Chas. L. Amey, 1912.

Lieut. Wm. E. White, 1913.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. MARTIN,

*Historian.*

Approved:

WM. E. WHITE, *Commander.*

April 30, 1914.

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT CAMP No. 10, NEW YORK CITY

*The Department Historian:*

SIR.— I have the honor to report to you the following activities of Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10, United Spanish War Veterans, in accordance with the request that was issued in March General Orders No. 9, which I shall give to the best of my ability.

The first inception of the Theodore Roosevelt Camp was on August 26, 1899, under the name of Bronx Borough Veterans, with a roll call of 63 Veterans of the Organization and was formed at the North Side Board of Trade, 278 Alexander avenue, Bronx, N. Y. Its first Commander was Thomas L. Moore.

On September 2, 1899, the Organization in a body numbering over fifty, participated in the Dewey Day parade.

On September 10, 1899, the Organization had an enrollment of over two hundred names.

On September 23, 1899, the Organization met and was attended by two hundred members strong.

On October 25, 1899, Commander Thomas L. Moore took initial steps to affiliate the Organization with the National body at Washington, D. C.

On January 31, 1900, the Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 was mustered into National Army of Spanish War Veterans at its Headquarters, 107th street and Third avenue, New York City.

On January 6, 1900, the Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 had been given twice the honor of being the main factor in organizing the New York Corps of Spanish War Veterans.

On February 21, 1900, Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 had a membership of 350. There were 71 members taken in on that night; also the Ladies Auxiliary was formed. They started right to work and made a set of colors for the Camp. On April 25, 1900, the first colors were presented to Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 by the Ladies Auxiliary.

On April 25, 1900, the first New York State Corps Convention was held in the City of New York at Theodore Roosevelt Camp Headquarters. Frederick J. Kuchule was elected Junior Vice Commander of the New York State Corps.

On May 30, 1900, Theodore Roosevelt Camp accepted an invitation from the Grand Army of the Republic to participate in Memorial Day parade.

On May 27, 1900, Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 held Memorial services in Brooklyn.

August 21, 1910. Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 was represented at the Second Annual Convention at Albany, N. Y., at which B. Reinold was elected New York State Commander.

William H. Hubbell was elected Senior Vice Commander.

Frederick C. Kuchule was elected Junior Vice Commander. Frederick C. Kuchule of Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 is now Senior Past Department Junior Vice Commander.

August 30, 1902, until January 1, 1914 (records), are mislaid.

January 3, 1914. Public installation of Theodore Roosevelt Camp, in conjunction with Ladies' Auxiliary Edith K. Roosevelt No. 3. Officers of Camp: Commander George King; Senior Vice Commander, John Finneran; Junior Vice Commander, Thomas Mulvihill.

February 15, 1910. Roosevelt No. 10 attended Maine Memorial services of John J. Astor Camp No. 98 at 71st Regiment Armory; also unveiling of tablet.

April, 1914. Roosevelt Camp also on record writing letters to representatives in Washington in behalf of the passage of the Widows and Orphans' Pension Bill.

Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 attended funeral procession of the American Sailors who sacrificed their lives in the face of the "Snipers."

April 5, 1914. Comrade Arthur W. Beckman, who formerly was a member of Camp No. 10, died and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery with full Military Honors on April 5, 1914.

It is also on record that the camp meets each year once instead of twice in the months of June, July and August.

May 23, 1914. Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 attended a review of the United Boys Brigades of America at the Thirteenth Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, of which the Chaplain of our Camp is Adjutant General.

May 24, 1914. Memorial Services in conjunction with Morgan Post, and Peter Cooper Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

May 24, 1914. Navy Yard and Cemeteries. This Camp has 27 Comrades buried at the different cemeteries.

May 30, 1914. Camp No. 10 participated in the Bronx Memorial day parade and decorated ten Comrades' graves at Woodlawn Cemetery.



June 17, 1914. Camp No. 10 attended house warming and lawn party of Commander G. Krug at 1709 Pitkin avenue, Wakefield, New York.

June 14, 1914. Camp No. 10 Historian established in Historian's book a history of the American flag from June 14, 1777, to June 14, 1914.

June, 1914. It is also on record that Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 has the honor of using two battle-worn flags on parade. These flags are in the hands of one of our members who was through the campaign of China. He was in the navy. The Quartermaster made them himself and carried one through fire. The other was shot while stuck up on a fort at Tientsien, China.

I might also report that Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 has purchased one Maine Memorial Tablet, which is now beautifully mounted on a beautiful yellow oak altar.

Yours in F. P. and H.,

CHARLES P. KRAUTH,

*Camp Historian.*

Approved:

GEORGE KRUG, *Commander.*

June 30, 1914.

GEN. EUGENE GRIFFIN CAMP No. 11, SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

*The Department Historian:*

SIR.— Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Camp Historian for the year ending June 30, 1914.

At the beginning of the year we had a membership of 113 in good standing.

On January 9, 1914, the Camp and the Auxiliary held a joint installation in the rooms of the Auxiliary in the Wedgway building. Past Department Commander William J. Cunningham of Troy was the Installing Officer and Comrade Philip Muskat Officer of the Day, of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, was Master of Ceremonies. The following Officers were installed: Commander, George L. Alexander; Senior Vice Commander, William Boldt; Junior Vice Commander, Benjamin Reisner; Adjutant, Frank Yovits; Quartermaster, John T. McNeff; Officer of the Day, Moses C. Bennett; Officer of the Guard, Joseph Drohat;

Chaplain, Claude Palmer; Historian, Garret V. Johnson; Patriotic Instructor, Frank Hoffman; Surgeon, Thomas Carney; Color Sergeant, Anthony Jannell; Color Sergeant, Chas. T. Jeggler; Sergeant Major, Fred J. Wirth; Quartermaster Sergeant, George Hussong; Musician, Frank McChesney.

On February 5, 1914, our Comrade George H. Flanagan, late Private of Co. "E," 2d N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, died after a lingering illness. He was buried February 9th by the Camp with full military honors.

On April 26th the Camp held their annual banquet in the mess hall of the armory, Past Commander Frank H. Hoffman acting as Toastmaster. The Ladies Auxiliary and the William Horstfal Post, G. A. R., were the guests of the Camp. During the evening the Comrades of the G. A. R. were mustered into the Camp as honorary members by Commander George L. Alexander.

On Memorial Sunday, May 24th, the Camp attended divine services in the evening at the Albany Street Methodist Episcopal Church, acting as escort to the G. A. R., the Rev. L. E. Carter preaching.

On Memorial Day, May 30th, the Camp acting with the G. A. R., decorated the graves of all deceased soldiers and sailors in all the cemeteries. The parade was held at 9.30 in the morning under command of Past Commander Garret V. Johnson, the Camp acting as escort to the G. A. R.

On June 30th the Camp attended the funeral of Comrade Daniel Knowlton of Camp No. 38, Department of California, late 1st Sergeant, Co. A, 16th U. S. Infantry, who died from sun stroke at San Antonia, Texas. Full military honors were accorded.

Since the first of the year the Camp has turned over to the Ellis Hospital the sum of \$200 as a fund to furnish a room to be known as the United Spanish War Veterans room.

Fraternally submitted,

GARRET V. JOHNSON, M.D.,

*Camp Historian.*

Approved:

GEO. L. ALEXANDER, *Commander.*

July 1, 1914.

## SEYBURN-LISCUM CAMP No. 12, BUFFALO, N. Y.

*The Department Historian:*

COMRADE.—Owing to my recent appointment as Camp Historian, I am unable to give figures of the attendance previous to this year but trust that the following record will be sufficient.

Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, was formed by an amalgamation agreement entered into between Colonel Stephen Y. Seyburn Camp No. 13 and Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 14, dated August 30, 1907. A committee of three from each of the two was chosen and these were given full power to act. Hamilton Ward, Jr., John D. Howland and Fred Lempke for Colonel Stephen Y. Seyburn Camp and Emil Wohler, John H. Grant and Andrew B. Gilfillan for Emerson H. Liscum Camp composed this committee.

The following officers were chosen to fill in the unexpired portion of the term, pending the regular election: Emil Wohler, Commander; Fred Lempke, Senior Vice-Commander; William A. Flett, Junior Vice-Commander; Albert Hahn, Chaplain; Robert L. Jantz, Officer of the Day; George A. Markham, Officer of the Guard; John H. Grant, M. D., Surgeon; Charles E. Haller, Adjutant; John D. Casey, Quartermaster; Hamilton Ward, Jr., John D. Howland, John H. Grant, Trustees.

The first meeting of the Camp was held in Grand Army of the Republic Hall on the evening of September 16, 1907.

At the time of the amalgamation agreement, Emerson H. Liscum Camp had 63 members and Colonel Stephen Y. Seyburn Camp had 77 members. When the first meeting of the Camp, in the month of January, 1908, was called, the muster roll showed 201 members, an increase of 31.4 per cent.

At the first election of officers, the following officers were duly elected to conduct the affairs of the Camp: Robert L. Jantz, Commander; William A. Flett, Senior Vice-Commander; Isaac N. Johnson, Junior Vice-Commander; Albert Hahn, Chaplain.

The following Comrades are Past Commanders: (S) Indicates Seyburn. (L) Liscum. (SL) Seyburn-Liscum.

Nelson T. Barrett, (L) 1901; Francis G. Ward, (S) 1901; Francis G. Ward, (S) 1902; John H. Grant, (L) 1902; Andrew B. Gilfillan, (L) 1903; John D. Casey, (S) 1903; Andrew B. Gilfillan, (L) 1904; John D. Howland, (S) 1904; Charles E. Haller, (S) 1905; Emil Wohler, (L) 1905; Hamilton Ward, (S) 1906; Emil Wohler, (SL) 1906-1907; Fred Lempke, (SL) 1907; Robert Jantz, (SL) 1908; George A. Markham, (SL) 1909; William A. Flett, (SL) 1910; Alfred F. Kuhn, (SL) 1911; Albert Hahn, (SL) 1912; Frank H. Gumry, (SL) 1913, deceased; Adolph Yunke, (SL) 1913, (5 months); Thomas F. Provoose, (SL) 1914.

The Camp has at present a membership of 288 in good standing; has a new membership of 17 for the year, and at this date 11 applications signed but not yet acted upon.

January 19, 1914. Six elected or appointive officers absent.

Forty-four Comrades present.

A very good address to the Camp by Comrade Shoeing of Richard J. Harding Camp of Washington, D. C.

Official letter of congratulations sent to Comrade John W. Wargin on his appointment as Deputy City Clerk. (We endeavor to impress on our Comrades the importance of showing an interest in the welfare of a Comrade.)

February 2, 1914. Six elected or appointed officers absent.

Forty-three Comrades present.

John M. Farquhar and E. G. W. Hall of Chapin Post No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic, elected honorary members.

Three applications. Five initiated.

Letter of appreciation sent to Citizen S. A. Anderson for decorating the McKinley Monument in remembrance of McKinley's birthday.

Address on "Patriotism" by Comrade John M. Farquhar.

Address on "Lincoln" by Comrade E. G. W. Hall.

February 16, 1914. Nine elected or appointed officers absent.

Fifty-two Comrades present.

E. W. Beach of Bidwell Wilkinson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, elected to honorary membership.

Address by Comrade E. W. Beach, giving brief history of the Grand Army of the Republic. Very interesting, showing the growing tendency toward good feeling between the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Spanish War Veterans.

Enthusiastic action taken by the Camp in reference to the Widows and Orphans' Pension Bill.

Comrade Alfred F. Kuhn, Assistant Department Quartermaster, made interesting remarks upon "Lincoln's Birthday" and the Pension Bill.

By order of Commander F. Provoost, the Camp stood in silence with bowed heads, for thirty seconds, in memory of the Maine.

March 2, 1914. Four elected or appointed officers absent.

Forty-six Comrades present.

Comrade G. Barrett Rich, Scout Master, addressed the Camp on "Boy Scouts." A rising vote of thanks was tendered him.

March 16, 1914. Four elected or appointed officers absent.

Thirty-six Comrades present.

Senior Vice-Commander Jacob J. Smith called the Camp to order in the absence of Commander Provoost because of serious illness.

Comrade George Hartman of H. A. Meyer Post No. 239, Grand Army of the Republic, elected to honorary membership.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward, presented all Grand Army of the Republic Comrades with the Honorary Badge.

Address on "Patriotism" by Dr. Albert H. Briggs.

Address on the Pension Bill by Comrade Alfred H. Kuhn.

A song by Grand Army of the Republic Comrade Hall.

(Great applause.)

April 6, 1914. Thirty-four present.

Only regular business transacted.

April 20, 1914. Five elected or appointed officers absent.

Forty-two Comrades present.

Camp now numbers 292. Notice was sent to Secretary of War that Camp can furnish a company for service in Mexico.

Stirring speeches made by Comrades, old and young. Much enthusiasm.

May 4, 1914. Two elected or appointed officers absent.

Forty-four Comrades present.

Delegates elected to Department Encampment as follows:

Delegates:	Alternates:
William Bentley,	A. Gavin,
Leonard Mericle,	E. Gresser,
Arthur Rosebrock,	B. Daggett,
Jesse Cowles,	W. Metz,
George Gumry,	A. Ogden,
E. Franklin.	W. Mount.

May 18, 1914. Three elected or appointed officers absent.

Fifty-three Comrades present.

James G. Vanhook, Bidwell Wilkinson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, elected to honorary membership.

All arrangements made for Decoration Day.

Delegates to National Convention as follows: Delegates: John H. Brewster, George H. Gumry, Thomas F. Provost. Alternates: Albert Hahn, Wilbur Metz, Andrew Gilillan.

June 1, 1914. Three elected or appointed officers absent.

Thirty-nine Comrades present.

Only regular business transacted.

A large delegation attended the Memorial Services on the Lake, for the unknown sailors and marines, of the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 19.

June 15, 1914. A special meeting was called to make arrangements for delegates, alternates and Past Commanders to attend the State Convention. After regular notices were sent, word reached our Commander that we were to be honored by a visit from Ralph H. Parker, Department Commander of New York, who was met by the reception committee of seven Comrades and escorted to the hall. The gavel was turned over to the Department Commander, who then mustered in a new member.

Commander Parker's address was strong and to the point, showing absolute control of the Organization.

## REPORT OF SEYBUEN CAMP No. 12, U. S. W. V.

Number of members in good standing, last report.....	271
Number of members gained by transfer.....	0
Number of members gained by reinstatement.....	1
Number of members gained by muster.....	16
Total gain .....	17
Total loss .....	0
Number of members in good standing.....	288

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BREWSTER,

*Camp Historian.*

Approved:

THOMAS F. PROVOST, *Commander.*

June 15, 1914.

## O'NEILL CAMP No. 15, BUFFALO, N. Y.

*Department Historian:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—In accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 9, Paragraph No. 3, Department Orders, I have the honor to submit the following report covering the work as Historian of O'Neill Camp No. 15, from January 1st to June 1st, 1914.

Upon assuming the office as Historian I made a careful investigation of all books, papers, pictures and relics, and made a correct list of burial places of deceased Comrades.

O'Neill Camp received a Charter from National Headquarters under date of August 11, 1901, as Bucky O'Neill Camp No. 15, Department of New York.

Our Camp has several historical relics. In September, 1913, I was then Commander of O'Neill Camp, and secured from the Navy Department a hold cover of the ill-fated battleship Maine. I donated a six-pound shell that was fired during the bombardment of San Juan in 1898. We also have a gavel that was made from the furniture of the battleship Maine, presented to the Camp by Commander Charles Orr of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We also have a Philippine machete presented by one of the Comrades of the Camp. All the relics were on exhibition in the different store windows in the city for several weeks.

Miscellaneous functions of our Camp were many. The anniversary of the sinking of the battleship Maine was observed by all Comrades of the Camp. Flag Day was fittingly celebrated. Memorial Day was also appropriately observed. The parade was the largest held in some years. A banquet was served to Comrades after the parade by the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 9.

The widest possible publicity is given to the doings of our Camp. For example: Items of interest to the Camp and prospective recruits, are inserted daily in the Buffalo papers. Sunday, generally a special story featuring the benefits of the United Spanish War Veterans. The Comrades eagerly await their daily or Sunday paper to read the notes. The pictures of the Camp officers are frequently inserted in the Sunday papers.

I have also collected as many used Spanish War Reviews as I could, and distributed them to various institutions, mainly the public libraries, with the expectation of securing recruits.

O'Neill Camp has 190 members. The National Encampment was held in Buffalo in September, 1913, which was a great success.

Our equipment is complete having National and State colors, flag case, embroidered guidons, rifles, by-laws, piano, etc. Our meeting place is quite commodious. With the enthusiasm shown by the Comrades of the Camp, I can say that we are "a live wire," and have something in view always to keep the Comrades interested, such as banquets, balls, theatre parties, fish fries, raffles, etc.

The establishment of a Camp paper named the "O'Neill-ite" is accomplished, and it is published monthly, giving all information pertaining to social functions, special orders, stories of interest that actually happened while in the service. All Comrades are given the privilege of writing a story to insert. The Comrades in general anxiously await the next issue from month to month.

In presenting this report I sincerely hope I have made it as accurate as possible.

Yours in F., P. and H.,  
 JOSEPH M. BRECKER,  
*Historian.*

Approved:

STANLEY F. JAKUBOWSKI, *Commander.*

June 30, 1914.



## OLD GUARD CAMP No. 19, NEW YORK CITY

*Department Historian:*

SIR.— Old Guard Camp No. 19 was granted a charter April 18, 1904, with 41 charter members.

The following Past Commanders are still active in the Camp and the Organization:

Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons.

Past Commander John E. J. Clare.

Past Commander James F. Court.

Past Commander Daniel J. Murphy.

Past Commander Anthony J. Griffin.

Past Commander Isadore Fried.

Past Commander Frederick Woodhull.

Past Commander George H. King.

There are 135 members in good standing on the roster, also 14 honorary members, who are active Grand Army men.

The finances of the Camp are in excellent condition and the ritual work of the officers 100 per cent.

On November 15, 1913, the Camp held a booster meeting, at which 12 new members were mustered in. A Maine Tablet was unveiled on this occasion by Chaplain-in-Chief J. Madison Hare. Department Commander Ralph H. Parker and Staff were present and the speakers, banquet and entertainment was enjoyed by 100 Comrades.

Other booster meetings were held on March 15, 1914, and June 11, 1914. These boosters have given the Camp publicity in U. S. W. V. circles in this city.

The annual dance and flag raising held on April 15, 1914, was a grand success both socially and financially.

Promptly at the call of the Department Commander for volunteers to form a regiment exclusively of United Spanish War Veterans, this Camp sent a circular letter and return card to every member. Sixty-eight Comrades responded to the call.

On May 11, 1914, this Camp took part in the military funeral held in this city, as a tribute of respect to the sailors and marines killed in action at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Pursuant to an established custom this Camp attended the military field mass at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on Memorial

Sunday, May 24, 1914, and in the evening it was well represented at the joint Memorial Service held at the 44th Street Theatre.

On Memorial Day the Camp paraded with the Grand Army of the Republic, after which they marched to the Maine Monument, held a short service and placed a wreath on the Monument.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST COLLYER,

*Historian.*

Approved:

ALFRED H. TORBET, *Commander.*

July 6, 1914.

ROBERT C. ANDERSON CAMP No. 26, OSWEGO, N. Y.

*Department Historian:*

SIR.— Referring to a brief history of Camp No. 26, I beg to submit the following: Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., was named after Captain Robert C. Anderson of the 9th U. S. Infantry, who died in the Philippine Islands.

The charter is dated December 7, 1904, and bears the names of 38 original members. The Camp gradually enlarged, and on the 2d, 3d and 4th of August, 1909, we had the honor of entertaining the Department Encampment, gathered for its Sixth Annual Session. Prosperity continued with Camp No. 26 until the year 1913, when interest waned and members became scattered and indifferent.

In the summer of 1913 Commander Daniel J. O'Mara and a few others got together and made a final effort at reorganizing. It was successful, and new officers were elected and installed, and from that time the Camp made wonderful progress, rising rapidly from 28 members to sixty odd.

At present it is flourishing and perfect harmony prevails. Great credit for this condition is due to Comrade Burton L. Rider, the present Commander.

Yours very fraternally,

CLARENCE S. MARTIN,

*Historian.*

Approved:

BURTON L. RIDER, *Commander.*

July 6, 1914.

CAPT. FRANK ROCKWELL PALMER CAMP No. 28, ALBANY, N. Y.

*The Department Historian:*

SIR.— This Camp was chartered May 15, 1900, and the first Commander was Comrade Horatio P. Stackpole, who was also the Department Senior Vice Commander of the Spanish-American War Veterans.

Comrades James E. Smith, Charles B. Staats and Philip G. Roosa have also held the office of Department Senior Vice Commander. Comrade Theodore A. Dries of this Camp is a Past Commander of the Thomas Wansboro Camp, Spanish-American War Veterans.

At the time of the institution of this Camp its membership was composed mostly of former members of the 1st N. Y. Vols., which was known as the 10th Battalion.

The First Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, was held in Albany, on August 15 and 16, 1904, and the Department Commander at that time was Gen. Eugene Griffen of Schenectady. Palmer Camp again had the honor of entertaining this Department at the Third Annual Encampment which was held August 6 and 7, 1906.

We have a Uniform Legion attached to the Camp and all members who pay in the sum of \$6 for a uniform have the balance of the cost paid by the Camp, so there is no excuse that the uniform is too expensive. After each regular meeting of the Camp a short meeting of the Legion is held. The Comrades are enjoined to wear their uniforms at each meeting and to all public functions, or submit to a small fine, and in this way our uniforms are becoming familiar to the people of Albany, and is also the means of prevailing upon our membership in general to become uniformed.

This Camp has a beautiful plot in Graceland Cemetery placed under its jurisdiction and intends to erect a suitable monument on same in commemoration of the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in regular and volunteer forces during the late war with Spain.

Our Auxiliary was organized in 1906 and has been a great help to us in many ways as they have provided us with refreshments on Memorial Days and have presented us with a beautiful Camp Flag which cost \$118.

The Memorial Committee appointed by this Camp to make all necessary arrangements for Memorial Day 1914, consisted of the following Comrades: William H. Kyle, Chairman; Clarence E. Clark, Willis Walker, George Sanford, W. Elmore Slack, Charles Bentley.

At the last regular meeting of the Joint Memorial Committee of the G. A. R., Past Commander William H. Kyle was given the honor of Grand Marshal of the Memorial Day parade. This joint Memorial Committee consists of members of the G. A. R., U. S. W. V., A. V. of F. S., and S. of V.

Comrade Kyle is a son of the late William Kyle, who was a prominent member of Post No. 5 of the G. A. R. of this city, and apparently William Kyle, Junior, is following closely in his father's footsteps as a worker in veteran circles. He is at present Chairman of the Memorial Committee of Palmer Camp, having held that position for the last five years.

To refresh the minds of the general public, and to explain the results of the Spanish-American War, the Insurrection in the Philippines, and the China Relief Expedition, I will state that from April 21, 1898 to 1900 there was 826 skirmishes, in 515 of which men were either killed or wounded. In round numbers the campaign cost the lives of 12,000 which brought much sorrow to many homes and hearts.

Therefore let all true Americans revere their memories and respect the living United Spanish War Veterans. This can best be done by observing Memorial Day. Thousands are to-day incapacitated on account of these campaigns.

In conjunction with that grand and honorable body of Veterans of the Civil War, this organization strives to keep alive that spirit of patriotism which leads us to enlist in time of war and in the days of peace and prosperity to honor the departed heroes, who in the days of strife laid down their lives that this country's honor should be maintained.

Some of the fruits of the late war may be gleaned from the following, as we wish the war to be judged by its consequences, its influences and its lessons in which America found itself. Non-sectionalization of our country, independence of Cuba,

acquisition of Porto Rico, acquisition of Hawaii, remodelling of the army and our navy and the establishment of the United Spanish War Veterans for usefulness to the individuals, the community and the Nation, and ready to take up the work of all veterans and patriots of the past wars.

All Americans should feel prouder of their country's high place in the family of nations brought about by this conflict.

The Past Commanders of Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28 are as follows: Horatio P. Stackpole, 1900; Adrian W. Mather, 1901; Charles E. Davis, 1902; Charles E. Davis, 1903; George Scott, 1904; James E. Smith, 1905; Michael J. Reagan, 1906; Philip G. Roosa, 1907; John H. Ehrmann, 1908; William H. Kyle, 1909; Edward H. Burton, 1910; William P. Malcolm, 1911; Clarence E. Clark, 1912; Clarence E. Clark, 1913.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. KYLE,

*Camp Historian.*

Approved:

WM. S. FREDENRICH, *Commander.*

June 30, 1914.

EMERSON LISCUM CAMP No. 33, UTICA, N. Y.

*Department Historian:*

SIR.—This Camp was chartered on April 19, 1904, with fifty charter members, and since that time the following Comrades have guided the destinies of Emerson Liscum Camp.

Past Camp Commanders.—Comrade Joseph H. Remmer, 1904; Comrade Joseph H. Remmer, 1905; Comrade Charles Horsburg, 1906; Comrade George J. Winslow, 1907; Comrade Miles A. Havens, 1908; Comrade Fred C. Schmidt, 1909; Comrade Birt E. Liddell, 1910; Comrade Henry C. Schmoltz, 1911; Comrade Henry C. Schmoltz, 1912; Comrade Herbert P. Norris, 1913; Comrade Philip F. O'Toole, 1914.

The most important event of late in the history of this Camp was the Joint Muster of the United Spanish War Veterans in Utica and vicinity. On the evening of April 21, 1914, sixty veterans of the Spanish-American War stood with bared heads and right hands uplifted before the little altar in Post Reynolds

Hall, and before Commander Philip O'Toole of Emerson Liscum Camp No. 33, U. S. W. V., renewed allegiance to Old Glory. Though most of the men have wives and children, all readily volunteered their services and gave evidence that they were eagerly awaiting orders to proceed to Mexico. Among the veterans present were members of Emerson Liscum Camp and O'Ross Wheeler Camp of this city, Vrooman Camp of Herkimer, Warner Camp of Ilion and Butler Camp of Syracuse. The occasion was the first Joint Muster of the United Spanish War Veterans of Utica and vicinity and was held under the auspices of Emerson Liscum Camp of Utica.

Not a man hesitated when Commander O'Toole called on those present to renew their allegiance to Old Glory. Instantly every veteran arose and stepped to the little altar. There with bared heads and right hands raised each man present swore to give his services, and if necessary his life in defense of his country. The scene was one which will long be remembered by those privileged to view the patriotic ceremony. Among those who were present was Sergeant James McConnell who recently took charge of the local United States Recruiting office, and his assistant, Private Earl V. Spellman.

Department Historian Patrick Guilfoyle, a member of Col. Butler Camp of Syracuse, acted as the toastmaster at the Post-Prandial program in which all Comrades present participated.

Respectfully submitted,

L. HUNTLEY FROST,  
Historian.

Approved:

PHILIP F. O'TOOLE, *Commander.*

June 6, 1914.

GUY V. HENRY CAMP NO. 38, NEW YORK CITY

*The Department Historian:*

SIR AND COMRADE.—Complying with Paragraph II of General Order No. 1, regarding reports of Camp Historians, I have the honor to report the following:

Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, has been very unfortunate the past year; for the Grim Reaper, whom we all know we must be

prepared to meet sooner or later, has cut deep into its ranks. It has been the sad duty of the Bugler to sound Taps at the graves of four of his Comrades since July 1912, and it is with deep regret that I have to report the death of Comrade William Delaney, George H. Beader, Joseph P. Bennett, and William J. O'Connell.

As many of the members as possible attended the funeral ceremonies of these Comrades and all were buried with full military honors. The heartfelt sympathy of the Camp was extended by its officers to their respective families, the regular benefits paid, and a kind and helping hand extended them while in distress and in need of aid.

February 14, 1913. Flag Day was duly observed by the Camp and its members in general.

At the meeting on February 20, 1913, the Camp observed the customary silence of three minutes in commemoration of the death of our valiant Comrades who perished on the ill-fated battleship the U. S. S. Maine in Havana Harbor.

On Memorial Sunday 1913, the Camp as usual accepted the invitation of Gloucester Naval Camp of Brooklyn and in a body attended the open-air field mass at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in the morning; and in the afternoon the memorial services in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue and Fiftieth Street, which has been its custom for years to attend.

For many years it has been the custom of the Camp to make a pilgrimage to Hart's Island on Decoration Day afternoon where lie the remains of several Comrades who died friendless, to hold services and decorate the graves of these and the Civil War Veterans buried there, but on account of the extensive ceremonies and parades incident to the unveiling of the Maine National Memorial Monument in the city on that afternoon, the excursion was made impossible. As usual, however, the committee on decoration of graves performed their impressive and pleasant duty of remembering the dead, and the following number of graves were decorated in the various cemeteries: In Calvary Cemetery 13; in Lutheran Cemetery 2; in St. John's Cemetery 1; in Holy Cross Cemetery 1; and on Hart's Island 3, making a total of 20 graves decorated.

On Decoration Day the Camp was exceptionally well repre-

sented in both parades of the day. Although the Historian was seen limping to Headquarters on a crutch in the morning on account of a "bum leg," as by magic it suddenly got well, and a few moments later found him in line with his Comrades holding down pavements for the rest of the day. The Commander prides himself greatly upon the excellent showing the Camp made on these two memorial occasions. A photograph of the Camp on this day, now exhibited at headquarters, speaks for itself.

The Camp had the pleasure of entertaining Past Commander P. F. Harney, Chairman Memorial and Executive Committee, and Thomas J. McCarthy, Secretary, as well as the present Department Commander Ralph H. Parker, as visitors some time ago; and Senior Vice-Department Commander Walter I. Sterling of Maine was also a pleasant visitor at a recent meeting.

Keep an eye on "38." It has always supported the National and Department Officers in their work and efforts to secure legislation and made strenuous efforts through its officers to pass the Crago Bill. The Representatives at both Albany and Washington were bombarded with appeals and pleas to use their influence in passing the measure. Records in possession of the Adjutant and Historian prove this assertion. It has been repeatedly honored by having members elected to important department offices; and recently was singularly honored again by having Comrade T. J. O'Donnell, one of its hardest workers, appointed to the office of Department Quartermaster. And the Camp desires to express its appreciation of the recognition shown it by the Department Commander. It may be of interest to state here that in spite of the heavy visitations upon its treasury it has cheerfully and liberally contributed to the Maine Memorial Fund, the Father Reaney Testimonial Dinner and other funds of like character. And through the combined efforts of its Commander and Historian has secured and is enjoying the possession of one of the Maine Memorial Tablets at headquarters. The writer believes that there is no more fitting and symbolic material proof of the patriotism of a Camp than this perpetuation of sacredness to the memory of our Comrades that have gone beyond, that others might be free to-day. And every Camp should possess one of these relics, inas-



much as it will keep fresh in our hearts and minds the great cause for which we all have become soldiers; and incites and spurs the members on to harder work and greater achievements in the line of recruiting and the upbuilding of the Order in general.

On June 21st, a number of Comrades attended the testimonial dinner given in honor of our revered Department Chaplain, the Reverend W. H. I. Reaney, in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his holy priesthood.

The Camp is and always has been a live one in the Department and is noted among the New York City Camps for its hospitality and capability to hold up its ends. It possesses a beautiful set of colors and guidons, has a fully equipped firing squad and carries some four hundred dollars (\$400) of insurance on its property, and most of all its members are equipped with uniforms. It boasts of being the first Camp to adopt a card-record system of its membership, by the use of which the Adjutant and Quartermaster can easily keep tabs on all members and facilitate the business of the Camp greatly.

On January 15, 1914, the newly elected officers of this Camp, headed by Peter J. O'Brien as Commander, were installed by Past Commander Patrick J. Harney, assisted by Past National Aide-de-Camp Thomas J. McCarthy as Master of Ceremonies, and although the business was short we found time to muster in two recruits; the social session lasted until the wee small hours of the morning. Department Adjutant Jones was a pleasant visitor and favored the Comrades with a witty and instructive speech.

National Headquarters in February, 1914, sent out a "S. O. S." for the Key Bill (H. R. 13044), this Camp immediately bombarded the Pensions Committees of both Houses of Legislature in Washington as well as the two United States Senators from New York and all the Congressmen in New York, Richmond, Bronx and Westchester counties with a circular letter begging their support when that very worthy measure came before them for action. Individual Comrades also wrote their local Congressmen in the vein; that our labors were of some value is attested by the number of acknowledgments received and forwarded to Department Headquarters by request of the Department Commander.

On March 20th, Jacob Nicholas, an Honorary Comrade of this Camp, passed away after a long and honorable life. Comrade Nicholas served in Co. "I," 8th U. S. Inf. from 1845 to 1850, seeing service in Mexico with Scott. In 1861 he enlisted in the 5th U. S. Light Art. where he again saw active service until the surrender at Appomattox in 1865.

The Camp in a body renewed its allegiance to the flag on April 16th, the ceremony being ably looked after by Patriotic Instructor Devane, assisted by Historian Wertheim.

On April 16th this Camp sent a telegram to President Wilson commending him on the stand he had taken in the Mexican trouble, a very warm letter of thanks was received by this Camp from Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President.

Among the heroes who fell during the attack on Vera Cruz, Mexico, was Dennis J. Lane, Seaman U. S. S. New Hampshire. Upon the arrival of his body at New York this Camp, at the request of the parents of the deceased sailor, took complete charge of the funeral ceremonies, the mattr was placed in the hands of a committee headed by Past Commander T. J. O'Donnell. Two hundred and fifty Comrades of this Order, headed by a military band, followed the hero sailor to his last resting place.

During May, 1914, the Camp spent all its spare time in looking after our dead. The Committee on Decoration of Graves decorated with flags and markers the graves of twenty-five deceased Comrades located in seven different cemeteries.

A large representation was present at the annual memorial mass in Brooklyn Navy Yard on Memorial Sunday as was also at the memorial meeting in New York in the evening.

On Memorial Day, 1914, the Camp paraded ninety strong as escort to the G. A. R. and also at the request of Rice Post 29, G. A. R., furnished that Post with a detail to carry their colors. A very strong letter of thanks from that Post testifies to the esteem in which we are held by the older veterans.

Commander O'Brien, as Department Aide-de-Camp, received the thanks of Department Commander Parker for his zeal and strict attention to the affairs of his position.

Eighteen of our Comrades will make the trip to Schenectady to attend the Annual Encampment.

General Guy V. Henry Camp's membership is not by any means limited, but so as not to become top-heavy and too hard to handle it has recently eliminated most of its "dead-wood" with the idea of having a "waiting list" rather than a "suspended list"; and under the reassuring and capable stewardship of its Commander its members are confident that it will hold its universal reputation of being one of the leading Camps in the Metropolitan City. Last, but not least, recruiting goes merrily on and it yet remains to be seen that General Guy V. Henry Camp has ever failed to "land" a recruit that has once "nibbled."

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST S. WERTHEIM,

*Historian.*

Approved:

PETER J. O'BRIEN, *Commander.*

June 30, 1914.

MAJOR LOUIS B. LAWTON CAMP No. 39, AUBURN, N. Y.

*Department Historian:*

SIR.—Major Louis B. Lawton Camp No. 39, United Spanish War Veterans, was first organized within a year of the close of the war with Spain, its original charter having been granted to Auburn Camp No. 152, Spanish War Veterans, on November 24, 1900. The charter members numbered thirty-eight, being mostly members of Company M, 3d New York Volunteer Infantry, which was mustered into the service of the United States at the outbreak of the war with Spain and mustered out of the service the following December.

After the return of the Auburn men who had served in the Philippine and Chinese campaigns and the army of occupation in Cuba, many additional Spanish War Veterans joined the Camp, and on April 18, 1914, the Camp was granted a new charter, the name of the organization being changed to Major Louis B. Lawton Camp, No. 39, United Spanish War Veterans, in honor of Major Lawton of the 9th United States Infantry, a

former Auburnian who won distinction for gallantry in action while serving in China.

The Camp holds its meetings at the State Armory at Auburn on the fourth Thursday of every month, has frequent social gatherings, and is active in Memorial Day observances, both for its own and the dead of the Grand Army of the Republic. Markers have been placed in all the local cemeteries at the graves of the men who were members, or eligible to membership of the local Camp. The Camp has been singularly fortunate as to its list of casualties during the fourteen years of its existence, but four deaths having occurred among its active members.

The following men have served, in the order named, as Commanders of the Camp since its organization: George W. Nellis, Edgar S. Jennings, H. A. Holstead, A. W. Montgomery, A. F. Hodgman, H. J. Ryan, F. E. Wilkinson, H. B. Updyke, H. A. Morgan, E. G. Lam, three terms; and C. H. Munro, now serving his second term.

The other officers of the Camp at the present time are as follows: Senior Vice-Commander Charles Douglas; Junior Vice-Commander Jesse Brooks; Officer of the Day T. J. McCartin; Officer of the Guard Jesse Foulks; Chaplain Edward King. The Trustees are L. E. Hall, Edward Foulkes and M. B. Eldridge. E. A. Rose is Adjutant of the Camp, J. E. Osterhout is Quartermaster, A. F. Hodgeman is Surgeon, and W. C. Case is Historian.

WHEELER C. CASE,

*Historian.*

Approved:

CHARLES H. MANO, *Commander.*

June 30, 1914.

GEORGE D. RUSSELL CAMP No. 43, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

*Department Historian:*

SIR.—Pursuant to your letter of May 28th, I send you a partial history of George D. Russell Camp No. 43.

This Camp was organized April 18, 1904, with a charter list of forty-six members.

Robert D. Higgins was the first Commander. The members were and still are mostly men who served in companies D, F, L

and M, constituting the Third Battalion of the 22d New York Volunteer Infantry. This battalion was formed of the 473 men, former members of the 13th Regiment who stayed at Camp Black when the 13th Regiment was ordered back to Brooklyn in May, 1898.

The Camp has shown a steady growth since its organization, and now numbers seventy-four members in good standing. The meetings are held in the 13th Artillery District Armory, Brooklyn, are well attended, and great interest is manifested by the individual members present.

Since the installation of the present officers at least one recruit has been mustered in each meeting night. At the last meeting Saturday, June 13th, four recruits were elected and mustered.

Saturday, May 23d, the sixteenth anniversary of our muster into the United State's service, a dinner was held at the meeting-room, over one hundred guests attending.

The evening was enlivened with speeches by men prominent in public life in Brooklyn. Reverend Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, in particular, being at his best, which means a great deal.

On Memorial Day the members of the Camp participated with other Spanish War Camps in the parade in Brooklyn, the Color Sergeant bearing the colors (National), which were presented to us by our Ladies' Aid.

Memorial Sunday, May 24th, the members of the Camp held services for deceased Comrades at Cypress Hills Cemetery.

One particular thing about the membership of Russell Camp is the number of members who are still giving their services to the State of New York as active members of the 13th Artillery District. Among them are Colonel Charles O. Davis, Major George H. Kemp, Captain Harry Van Auken, Walter Kingsbury, George H. Comstock, and J. D. Jennings, First Sergeant A. E. Greer, Quartermaster Sergeant Charles Thurber, etc. On the staff of the Division and Coast Artillery Commanders we have Major Clarence W. Smith, and Major Thomas B. Femming.

The past Commanders of this Camp are as follows:

Robert D. Higgins.....	1903-1904
George D. Russell.....	1905-1906
Charles O. Davis.....	1907-1908

Walter E. Kingsbury.....1909-1910  
John S. Eiseman.....1911  
William H. Skelton.....1912  
Charles A. Thurber.....1913

Yours fraternally,  
JOHN D. JENNINGS,  
*Camp Historian.*

Approved:

ROBINSON GERMOND, *Commander.*

June 15, 1914.

SERGEANT HAMILTON FISH CAMP No. 46

NEW YORK CITY

*Department Historian:*

SIR.— At the early part of May, 1905, fifty-five Comrades who served the United States in the army, navy, or marine corps during the Spanish-American War from April, 1898, up to July 4, 1902, in the war with the Kingdom of Spain, the Philippines or the China Relief Expedition, held several meetings to form a Camp in the United Spanish War Veterans. They then set to work to decide on a name for the Camp, and after much thinking they decided on the name of a Comrade who then, just in the prime of life, and for no other reason than to serve his country and its flag, as we boys of '98 all did, volunteered his services in the First Volunteer Cavalry, United States Volunteers, of which our esteemed Comrade, Ex-President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, was the colonel; and while charging the enemy in Cuba he was struck with a bullet from the enemy's gun, and his name is one which is now printed in the American history. The name of Sergeant Hamilton Fish was the name which these fifty-five men decided to have as their standard bearer. They then notified the Department Commander of New York of their intentions and then made application for a charter which was then granted; and on May 17, 1905, the Camp was organized as the Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York. And on the night of the installation forty of the fifty-five Com-

rades were mustered into Camp No. 46. And for their Commander they elected Herbert W. Smith and re-elected him as their Commander for 1906. And the following Commanders were then as follows: 1907, Albert B. Davis; 1908, Saul Camming; 1909, George W. Harris; 1910, William S. Styles; 1911, Frank H. Smith; 1912, Daniel J. Cullinane; 1913, William E. Whiting; 1914, J. Harrie Burdge.

During the nine years of the Camp's life it has been as follows: Comrades mustered in during:

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Comrades.</i>	<i>Year.</i>	<i>Comrades.</i>
1905.....	40	1910.....	5
1906.....	39	1911.....	41
1907.....	38	1912.....	12
1908.....	29	1913.....	16
1909.....	18	1914.....	*4

\* Up to June 4.

not mentioning the Comrades reinstated after being suspended or dropped. And during the nine years of the Camp's life it has been very fortunate in the small number of deaths, only having ten in that time,, as follows:

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>	<i>Year.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>
1906.....	2	1913.....	1
1908.....	3	1914.....	1
1912 ..	3		

This exception is taken for granted that the Comrades of No. 46 are mostly men who have as their daily occupation work that keeps them out in the open breathing God's pure fresh air. They do such work as policemen, firemen, truckmen and helpers, railroad men in all its branches, and men in all the various branches of the street cleaning department and other outdoor positions. The Camp roster shows that the men in Camp No. 46 have served in all of the different branches of the United States Service, and also shows that they come from all parts of the globe, England, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Sweden, Austria, as well as from most parts of the States of the Union. It also numbers among its Comrades men who have held not only the various offices of their Camp, but have also held high office in the Na-

tional, State and city departments of our Order. This Camp has now on its books over 125 members. It has a death benefit fund of over \$500. It has a general fund of over \$200; and meets in one of the finest meeting halls in New York City, where the doors are at all times open for inspection. Camp No. 46 has still five of its Past Commanders on its active membership roll. At all National and Department Conventions this Camp is at all times well represented; also at all Memorial and Executive and Department Meetings. It not only looks after the graves of their deceased Comrades, but also of Comrades who were not in our beloved Order, but were eligible. It has now the applications of several recruits to be mustered in. Our aim is for 100 members in good standing by January 1, 1915; and our slogan is: "Don't knock — Boost."

Respectfully submitted,  
 FRANK H. SMITH,  
*Camp Historian.*

Approved:

J. HARRIE BURDGE, *Commander.*

June 15, 1914.

LOUIS W. CARLISLE CAMP No. 56, WATERTOWN, N. Y.

*The Department Historian:*

SIR.—

SENTENCED TO BE SHOT THREE TIMES!

*Once Each Morning!*

Fate Decided Upon Quartermaster W. G. Van Larren.

This was the decision of the Military Court Martial held at the County Court House under the auspices of Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, at Watertown, N. Y., Friday evening, March 13, 1914.

The Court Martial was something new in the way of a mock trial in this city, and was well attended, the court room being filled.

The trial hinged upon the fact that Quartermaster Van Larren



was alleged to have misappropriated the funds of the Camp for the purpose of entertaining a lady, who was not his wife. In addition to this he had cast discredit on the Camp by indulging to excess in intoxicating liquors, and also in hiding behind the walls of the armory during a fierce engagement between the Carlisle Camp and the local branch of the Naval Militia.

Six witnesses were called on each side during the evening.

Witnesses for the Prosecution were:

Comrade B. L. Green,  
Comrade H. W. Bell,  
Comrade H. O. Clair,  
Comrade John Congdon,  
Comrade L. W. Kerns,  
Comrade B. W. Youngs.

Witnesses for the Defense:

Comrade George Canter,  
Comrade A. F. Mattoon,  
Comrade B. H. Thomas,  
Comrade M. D. Carlin,  
Comrade W. G. Reynolds,  
Comrade D. C. Hoover.

All members of Louis W. Carlisle Camp.

The members of the Court who sat in judgment upon the prisoner were as follows:

President of the Court: Colonel James H. Bayer of the N. Y. S. V., also a member of Carlisle Camp.

Judges:

Major M. H. Rice, N. Y. S. V.  
Captain R. J. Ryan of Co. C, N. Y. S. V.  
Lieut. F. C. Beebe of Co. C, N. Y. S. V.  
Lieut. Palmer of U. S. 3d Infantry, Madison Barracks, N. Y.  
Lieut. Hemingway of U. S. 3d Infantry, Madison Barracks, N. Y.  
Lieut. Pinsonneault of U. S. 3d Infantry, Madison Barracks, N. Y.  
Lieut. Tuttle of U. S. 74th Infantry, Buffalo, N. Y.

Judge Advocate:

Lieut. W. B. Boower, 3d U. S. Infantry, Madison Barracks,  
N. Y.

Prosecution Attorney:

Fred. L. Baldwin, Watertown, N. Y.

Defense Attorney:

Clarence L. Crabb, Watertown, N. Y.

After the trial the Court and the members of the Carlisle Camp to the number of fifty were entertained by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Carlisle Camp to supper in their rooms.

Sincerely yours,

D. C. HOOVER,

*Historian.*

Approved:

M. D. CARLIN, *Commander.*

March 15, 1914.

SARATOGA CAMP No. 58, SARATOGA SPRINGS

*The Department Historian:*

SIR.— Prior to the actual formation of our Camp two or three efforts had been made to form a Camp in our village, but as equal representations were made from both the Spanish War Veterans and the Spanish-American War Veterans, those eligible for membership were unable to decide definitely which organization to affiliate with, so nothing was done until after the amalgamation in 1904.

Comrade Hamilton Ward of Buffalo wrote to Captain Hiram C. Todd of this village urging that actual formation be commenced. Owing, however, to the enforced absence from town of Comrade Todd nothing was done on the matter until December, 1905. At this time a preliminary meeting of the known eligibles in the village was held at the State Armory, with Captain Hiram C. Todd as chairman. After listening to several talks on the subject, one of which was given by Comrade Frank Hoppman of Schenectady, and the reading of a letter from Comrade Hamilton Ward, a motion prevailed that a charter be applied for and Captain Todd was directed to make the necessary application after

about forty of those present had signed their names to a preliminary application form. A committee to nominate officers and also one to recommend a name for the Camp was appointed. It was also decided to hold the charter open for sixty days for additional signatures.

The committee on "Name of Camp" had several appropriate names submitted to them, and for a time it seemed as though the name "Walworth-McNair" would be selected. This combination represented the name of a nurse from this village, Reubena Hyde Walworth, who died from fever contracted while nursing the soldiers at Montauk Point, and a member of our local military company, Company L, 2d N. Y., Frederick Parker McNair, who died from fever incurred in the service. Comrade McNair had been commissioned a lieutenant in the 203d N. Y. Vol. but died without knowledge of his promotion. His father, a retired Commodore, U. S. N., was with Farragut at Mobile Bay. Actuated, however, by thoughts and feelings unnecessary to enlarge upon in this article, the committee finally recommended the name "Saratoga Camp," which was subsequently adopted.

On March 23, 1906, after due notice had been given, a meeting was called at the State Armory at which time reports of committees were received, the charter was declared closed with fifty-four names thereon, and election of officers was held resulting as follows:

Commander, Hiram C. Todd.

Sr. V. Commander, Obed M. Coleman.

Jr. V. Commander, Louis J. Follett.

Adjutant, Francis G. Ritchie.

Quartermaster, Charles H. Dobbin.

Officer of the Day, Fred W. Dunson.

Officer of Guard, Fred E. Calkins.

Chaplain, J. A. T. Schwarte.

Trustees, James W. Lester, Charles E. Van Pelt, William H. Waterbury.

In April, 1906, our Camp was instituted, its officers duly installed and the degree work exemplified in full form. Comrade Frank Hoppman of Schnectady was our instituting and installing

officer, accompanied by the degree team of Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp of Schenectady, and both the installing officer and the degree team made an excellent impression and our Camp was started under most favorable circumstances.

In January of 1909 our Camp received its first visit from a Department Commander. Commander Maurice Simmons of New York City made a special trip in order to be present with us on this occasion. Department Commander Simmons was accompanied by Chief of Staff Comrade William J. Cunningham of Troy, and Comrades were present from Troy, Cohoes, Amsterdam, Schenectady, and Glens Falls. On this evening our older Comrades of the G. A. R. were also our guests for the first time. The arrangements for this affair surpassed anything the Camp has ever attempted, either before or since, with the exception of our banquet to the Department Encampment in 1910. The speech rendered by our Department Commander made an excellent impression and the entire occasion was to our credit and worked for much good in our Camp and among the Comrades of the visiting Camps.

On the 1st, 2d and 3d of August, 1910, our Camp had the honor to be the hosts to the Department Encampment gathered for its seventh annual session. Likewise, our sisters of the Auxiliary and our Companions of the Snax were present at the same time and our streets were made gay with Old Glory and all were given a hearty welcome. Our village is the smallest in population and our Camp the smallest in numbers that has yet entertained a Department Encampment in this State. Yet we are proud to believe that our efforts were successful and that, at some future time, our Comrades, our sisters and our companions will be glad to again be our guests.

In May, 1914, occurred one of the grandest meetings in our Camp's history. One that we look back upon with pride and the results of which we expect to be "everlasting." At this time we welcomed to Honorary Membership twenty-six Comrades of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Department Commander Ralph H. Parker of New York City was our guest of honor for this occasion, accompanied by Past Department Commander William J. Cunningham of Troy. Department

Commander Parker spoke most eloquently to the Comrades of the G. A. R., and Past Department Commander Cunningham also gave an interesting address. After the muster-in ceremony had been completed an elaborate supper was served after which other remarks were made by efficient speakers. The evening closed with the spirit of good will prevailing, and our Camp felt well repaid for its efforts.

This Camp has been represented by delegates at the National Encampments at Washington, D. C., in 1906, Boston in 1908, Denver in 1910, and Atlantic City in 1912. Also at every Department Encampment since its organization. No elective Department office has ever been sought or held by any Comrade of this Camp with the single exception that in 1910 Past Commander Fred W. Dunson was elected as a member of the Department Council of Administration. This office was legislated out of existence at the Denver National Encampment. Since its organization the Camp has been honored by having some Comrade appointed each year as an Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander and also the Commander-in-Chief. Numerous other appointive positions have also been held by Comrades of this Camp.

From commendatory correspondence in our Camp files from successive Department Commanders our Camp is acknowledged to have always been an aid to the Department. In legislative affairs, particularly in 1910, at the time when the Poor Law was in a doubtful position, our Camp was able to muster much-needed support to the passage of the bill.

Saratoga Camp has its home in the G. A. R. building, which is owned by our older Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Camp's cemetery plot can be identified by a large flag pole from which Old Glory is kept floating.

It has been our Camp policy from year to year to advance a new Comrade to the Commander's chair and the following Comrades have thus been honored:

*Camp Commanders*

Hiram C. Todd.....	1906
Louis J. Follett.....	1907
Fred W. Dunson.....	1908

Fred E. Calkins.....	1909
Benj. K. Walbridge.....	1910
George Schmidt .....	1911
George W. Ainsworth.....	1912
James F. Swartwout, Jr.....	1913
Richard A. Cooney.....	1914

Owing to our restricted field no great increase in numbers can ever be hoped for. At the present time our Camp roster shows forty Comrades in good standing, and these Comrades represent practically every branch of the service: Infantry, Cavalry, Light and Heavy Artillery, Astor Battery, Signal Corps and Engineer Corps and the Cruiser *Prairie*. Also G. O. No. 40 men, two and three enlistment men, medal of honor men, Regulars and Volunteers. In fact, for our size we are indeed a most cosmopolitan Camp.

No delinquency for reports nor per capita tax, either Department or National has ever been noted against us, and so far as we are able, we strive to fulfill our obligations both as a Camp and as individual Comrades, giving equal support to each successive Department and National administration and living up, as far as circumstances will allow, to the true principles of "Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity."

Respectfully submitted,  
**HARRY S. TOWMIRE,**  
*Historian.*

Approved:  
**RICHARD A. COONEY, Commander.**  
 July 6, 1914.

**DAVID WILSON CAMP No. 59, NEW YORK, N. Y.**

*The Department Historian:*

SIR.—This Camp was formed April 25, 1906, at the old Second Battery Armory in the Borough of the Bronx. The following were the charter members: Harry B. Grant, Theo. F. Schmidt, Ralph H. Parker, Chas. H. Dutsch, Benj. B. Haskin, E. S. Storm, Thomas W. Timpson, G. A. Noska, Harry R. Haskin, Otto Muller, John J. Stephens, A. C. Hoffman, Charles R. Bergen.

The first Commander of this Camp was Harry B. Grant, and the first Adjutant Ralph H. Parker.

On December 11, 1906, the Camp Commander Harry B. Grant was dishonorably discharged from the organization, and the Senior Vice-Commander Theo. F. Schmidt took charge of the Camp until April 7, 1907, when the annual election was finally held and Comrade Schmidt was unanimously elected the Commander of the Camp.

The years of 1907 and 1908 were extremely hard years for the Camp, and only by the pluck and perseverance of several of the charter members was the Camp able to keep its existence. Its per capita tax was paid regularly and its reports were properly rendered, and the Camp was always represented at the Department Encampment. While one or two Department Inspectors recommended its disbandment, I am happy to say that the Delegates assembled at the Department Encampments would not approve of such a course, with the result that the Camp is one of the most flourishing in the Department to-day.

On March 18, 1909, a re-organization rally of the Camp was held with Comrade Bernhardt Wall of Camp No. 1, who is a Past Department Commander, presiding. Visiting Comrades were present from Manhattan Camp No. 1, Gloucester Camp No. 5, Roosevelt Camp No. 10, and Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46. Comrade Abraham L. Beckhardt was unanimously elected Camp Commander with an entire new set of Officers, and were installed by Comrade Bernhardt Wall with the then Department Historian John S. Hayes acting as Master of Ceremonies.

On May 6, 1909, the first Bible to be donated to the Camp was received from the Reverend Dr. George William Carter, and the first altar flag to be donated was received from Comrade A. O. Mathesuis, and the first ballot box to be received by the Camp was donated by Past Commander Walter V. McCoy. At this meeting of May 20, 1909, the Camp directed the Camp Commander to approve of the formation of a Ladies' Auxiliary.

On Memorial Day, 1909, the Camp made its first public appearance in a Memorial Day parade, turning out in the borough of the Bronx with two uniformed platoons, a band and drum corps. After this parade, the first in the history of the Camp,

the Comrades were entertained and dined by the Edith K. Roosevelt Auxiliary No. 3.

In August, 1909, Commander Beckhardt turned over to the Camp the \$100 cash prize won by the Camp from the Department Encampment in the Department Recruiting contest.

On November 5, 1909, the Camp donated the sum of \$50 to the Second Battery Armory fund, the first donation to be made to the National Guard organization that had extended to us many courtesies during the past years.

On November 19, 1909, a set of guidons was donated to the Camp by Commander A. L. Beckhardt.

The year 1910 proved to be a successful one for the Camp under the leadership of Commander Ralph H. Parker, and another Recruiting prize of \$25 was won by the Camp at the Department Encampment held in Saratoga Springs.

At the beginning of the year 1911 the Camp elected to the Commandership Charles E. Ebert. Owing to Comrade Ebert's time being greatly occupied in other organizations, he decided that it would be for the best interests of his Comrades in the Camp to resign from the responsibilities of Camp Commander. Comrade Frank D. Lakestream, a Past Department Inspector, was elected Commander to fill the vacancy, and the Camp had another prosperous year.

As the end of the year drew near it was noticed by the majority of the Comrades that there were many of our members whose service had been in the United States Navy, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the next Camp Commander should be a former navy man. Comrade William Jones was finally selected to represent the Comrades whose service had been in the United States Navy, and was elected the Camp Commander for the year 1912. That no mistake was made has been proven by the very successful administration he gave to the Camp, making a record in increasing the Camp's finances and also its membership.

Under Commander Jones' leadership the Camp started to take a more active interest in departmental affairs and succeeded in having the delegates at the Ninth Annual Encampment held in



Binghamton, New York, elect to the office of Department Senior Vice Commander our Past Commander Ralph H. Parker.

The year 1913 proved to be another very successful year under the leadership of William Losee as the Camp Commander. Commander Losee's administration was credited with securing the election at Syracuse, New York, of Comrade Parker as the Department Commander, an office which Past Commander Parker had justly earned by his active work as Department Senior Vice Commander.

Comrade Benjamin Rosenberg, whose activity in the Camp had been demonstrated since his acceptance as a member, and whose integrity had never been questioned, was elected the Camp Commander for the year 1914. A most active administration during this year has been the result. The detail work of the Camp has increased year after year until to-day it requires all the spare time of a Camp Commander to properly carry out his duties. The Camp meets twice a month regularly, and special meetings are quite frequently held. There is hardly an evening that some Committee attached to the Camp is not holding a meeting. At the regular meeting held on February 4, 1914, being nearest to Lincoln's birthday, a short celebration was held, the programme being arranged by the Patriotic Instructor, Walter V. McCoy.

On February 18, 1914, the anniversary of the Maine and Washington's birthday were jointly celebrated.

The 4th of March having been set aside for several years as the anniversary date of the re-organization of the Camp, and this year being our fifth anniversary of the re-organization, we celebrated the same with a banquet at which the Sisters of Katherine Fellows Auxiliary No. 28 were our guests. About 100 were seated at the banquet tables.

On April 29, 1914, the usual annual muster of the Camp was held. The renewal of the obligation being given to the Comrades by Commander Rosenberg. During the month of May the proper attention was given the graves of our deceased Comrades and Memorial Day was duly observed, the Camp turning out ninety some odd Comrades strong, and over seventy in uniform.

On June 13th, the Camp and Auxiliary gave a joint outing for the children of our members in Van Cortlandt Park. At this out-

ing the usual Flag Day celebration was observed with patriotic exercises, etc.

The Past Commanders of record in this Camp are as follows:

Theo. F. Schmidt.....	1907
Walter V. McCoy.....	1908
Abraham L. Beckhardt.....	1909
Ralph H. Parker.....	1910
Frank D. Lakestream .....	1911
William Jones .....	1912
William Losee .....	1913
William C. Wild by transfer, Camp No. 16, Department of New York.	
William Connaughton by transfer, Camp No. 13, Department of Massachusetts.	
William S. Lynt by transfer, Camp No. 68, Department of New York.	

This concludes the history of David Wilson Camp No. 59 up to June 30, 1914.

Respectfully submitted,  
 JOHN LYON,  
*Camp Historian.*

Approved:  
 BENJAMIN ROSENBERG, *Commander.*  
 June 30, 1914.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY CAMP No. 62, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

*Comrade P. J. GUILFOYLE, the Department Historian:*

DEAR COMRADE.— In response to your request for a report from William McKinley Camp, I have the honor to submit the following:

The charter of William McKinley Camp was granted on June 1, 1906, to twenty-five members, and the Camp has grown to its present standing of ninety. The Camp has always taken part in all parades and functions of the organization, and encourages patriotism wherever opportunity presents itself.

Upon being appointed Camp Historian by the present Commander in January, 1914, I set to work on a plan to make the

meetings of our Camp more interesting to the members, and introduced the following resolution:

*“Resolved, That hereafter all routine business of the Camp be transacted by the Officers of the Camp, they using their best judgment in deciding the actions of the Camp, such actions to stand approved by the Camp.*

*“And further resolved, That the Camp Historian be allowed ample time at meetings to present some matter of historical interest to our Organization, either in selecting some member of the Camp to tell the boys of the part his outfit took in the war, together with his own experiences, or in providing some prominent member of our Organization, or public man in presenting some topic of interest relative to our Organization.”*

The resolution was adopted unanimously, and we have had three meetings since its adoption. At the first, Major Housman, Medical Corps, United States Army, who was one of the party of five officers which, under the command of General Funston, captured Aguinaldo, related how the idea was formulated to capture Aguinaldo, and how it was successfully carried out. This recital occupied three hours, and did not seem one minute too long. The boys followed him with the greatest interest from start to conclusion.

At the second meeting, P. C. Marley, of this Camp, in a very interesting way, gave a description of the actions of the Marine Corps in Cuba, the early fights, the difficulties of landing, and the conditions under which our boys first entered Cuba.

For the third meeting, I was fortunate enough to secure as speaker Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, who painted a picture of the cause of the war. He described in detail how the Maine received orders to go to Havana, his reception there, and the feelings of the Spanish authorities and of the Cuban people at that time. He described the catastrophe which was the cause of the war, and the events immediately following the destruction of the Maine.

To say that the boys enjoyed the entertainments thus provided for them is putting it mildly. I believe that our attendance is already showing the effect of our efforts.

I recommend to you to promulgate a plan by which this success-

ful innovation of McKinley Camp may be introduced into all the Camps of this Department, as it will feel it will have a beneficial effect on the meetings of the Camps.

In conclusion, I will say that further very interesting stories will be told in our Camp, as I have already made tentative arrangements with men who took prominent part in the Spanish War.

Respectfully submitted,  
 CHAS. H. STEPHANS,  
*Historian.*

Approved:  
 WM. S. GOODWIN, *Commander.*  
 June 13, 1914.

ADMIRAL B. H. McCALLA CAMP No. 65, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

*The Department Historian:*

SIR.—Camp B. H. McCalla, U. S. W. V., was organized April 30, 1907, with twenty-five charter members and has flourished and increased since then. At the present time there is an active membership of forty-five Comrades who are mutually interested in each other's welfare and who are very much alive to the interests of their Camp.

McCalla Camp has the unique distinction and honor of having one of the most remarkable veterans now living. This is John Martin, retired sergeant, U. S. A., who is the only survivor of the great Custer massacre. Despite the many reflections of doubt cast upon him, Sergeant Martin can prove every one of his claims by showing proper credentials. McCalla Camp has had seven Commanders, and it is due to their active co-operation that the Camp has been so great a success. Meetings are held every fourth Monday at Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn, and all U. S. W. V. Veterans are invited to call and visit the Camp at their convenience.

E. J. GAILES,  
*Historian.*

Approved:  
 FRANK P. MANG, *Commander.*  
 June 8, 1914.

CAPTAIN GEORGE H. TILLY CAMP No. 66, JAMAICA, N. Y.

*The Department Historian:*

DEAR COMRADE.—The Captain George H. Tilly Camp was organized by Past Commander Joseph F. Simpson. The application for a charter was approved by Department Commander Frank Keck, about April, 1907. Meetings were held in the Town Hall, Jamaica, N. Y., and on August 1, 1907, the Camp was mustered into the Organization with thirty-five charter members, by Department Inspector Alfred J. Kennedy, at Fraternity Hall, Jamaica, N. Y.

The Comrades of the Camp chose the name of Captain George H. Tilly, a Jamaica boy who was killed in action in the Philippine Islands. He was born at Jamaica, N. Y., on February 22, 1863. In 1898 he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Montana Volunteer Signal Corps. He reported with his company in San Francisco, and embarked on the U. S. Transport for the Philippine Islands, and on arriving there was promoted to Captain and placed as Signal Officer on General Merritt's Staff, and when that Officer left the Philippines, he accepted the same position on the Staff of General Miller, which position he filled until the time of his death which occurred through the treachery of the natives under a flag of truce at Escalante, Negros Island, on May 27, 1899, he having volunteered to go to that place on board the Cable Steamship "Recorder" for the purpose of taking up the cable to be relaid in another part of the Philippine Islands. His commission as major was on the way to the Philippine Islands at the time of his death. His remains were temporarily interred at Iloilo, P. I., and on May 30, 1899, and later shipped to his old home in Jamaica, N. Y., and interred in the family plot at Springfield, N. Y.

The Camp meets at its own headquarters, Room 2, Third Floor, Town Hall, Jamaica, N. Y., on the first and third Wednesday of each month; said quarters being granted to the Camp in February 1910, by a vote of the Board of Aldermen, and the Sinking Fund of the City of New York. The present Commander is Charles H. Wenz. The present membership is sixty-seven in good standing, and consists of men prominent in the civil service of the city, State and government; and in the commercial and business world.

The members of the Camp are also honorary members of the Alfred M. Wood Post, Grand Army of the Republic; and the members of said Post are honorary members of the Camp.

Decoration Day is jointly observed by Post and Camp.

Yours in F., P. and H.,

FRANK KIERNAN,

*Historian.*

Approved:

CHAS. H. WENZ, *Commander.*

June 6, 1914.

THOMAS H. BARRY CAMP No. 73, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

*The Department Historian:*

SIR.—The Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, was formed during the fall of 1908 and was mustered into the U. S. W. V. on October 23, 1908, by the then Department Commander, Maurice Simmons, assisted by entire staff of officers with the following officers and charter members:

*Officers.*—Commander, Morris J. Mendelshon; Senior Vice-Commander, Robert Flinch; Junior Vice-Commander, Thos. D. Fitzgerald; Chaplain, Joseph Heifer; Surgeon, A. J. Zinner; Adjutant, R J. Neppert; Quartermaster, Nathan Lasky; Officer of the Day, Chas. L. Miller; Officer of the Guard, John J. Kennedy.

*Trustees.*—James Gelston, J. J. Reilly, H. M. Denio.

*Comrades.*—Harry S. Styles, Wm. Ballman, H. A. Seligman, L. E. Comstock, T. E. Casey, S. Lipman, C. W. Kennedy, H. J. Malloy, Wm. Voges, Geo. Townsend, Alexander Neid, Wm. Levine, A. M. Grembler, Wm. Cordell, Geo. F. Sauls, Milton Chapman, T. S. Richards, J. T. Carroll, A. C. Eldridge, Wm. S. Ringe, E. B. Richter, John L. Dunn, P. T. Maloney, J. W. Nicholson, Chas. F. Steele, Geo. Dawson, D. F. Gallagher, Edward P. Dunne.

During the remaining two months of 1908 the Camp was occupied in affecting its organization and really started on its active career with the election of officers for the year 1909, when under the guidance of Commander Flinch a very active campaign of publicity was conducted. The Camp took part in every patriotic

event during the year, more especially those of a local character, which resulted in the gift to the Camp by the business men and citizens of Bay Ridge and vicinity of a beautiful set of colors, consisting of a National flag, and State flag, on the reverse of which is the insignia of the United Spanish War Veterans, at a cost of \$250.

These colors were presented at the anniversary of the mustering in of the Camp in October, 1909, by the Honorable Bird S. Coler, and many distinguished city officials were present during the ceremonies.

The Camp had unanimously decided to call the organization after General Thomas H. Barry, who upon application kindly gave his consent to stand sponsor for the Camp.

During 1909 the Camp was represented at the inauguration of President Taft; at the Department Encampment at Saratoga Springs; the Maine Memorial Services at the Brooklyn Navy Yard; the annual Decoration Day exercises; and at the Hudson-Fulton Celebration.

In 1910 Thomas D. Fitzgerald was installed as Commander, and the Camp participated in the Maine Memorial Services in February; the Maine Memorial Mass at the Brooklyn Navy Yard; the annual Memorial Day Parade; and it was during the early months of the year that the Thomas H. Barry Camp inaugurated the movement in Bay Ridge for a "Safe and Sane Celebration" of Independence Day. This was before the celebrated order of Mayor Gaynor for the same purpose. This movement of the Camp resulted in the formation of a citizens' committee, which held an all-day celebration in Sunset Park on July 4th, including patriotic speeches and music; ending in the evening with a grand display of fireworks and endless joy for the children.

The Camp also was represented at the Department Encampment; and at the homecoming of Comrade Theodore Roosevelt, ex-President of these United States, from his African tour.

During the year 1911, under the leadership of Commander John L. Dunn, the Camp participated at the Maine Memorial Services at the Kismet Temple; the Military Field Mass at the Brooklyn Navy Yard; Memorial Day Parade; Memorial Services at the grave of Past Commander-in-Chief William Hubbell; the

annual outing of the Memorial and Executive Committee at Ulmer Park; the Department Encampment at Poughkeepsie; the Bernhart Testimonial Banquet in honor of Department Commander Bernhart Wall; and the local patriotic exercises.

During the year of 1912, under Commander Dennis F. Gallagher, the Camp was represented at the Memorial Mass at the Brooklyn Navy Yard; at the annual Memorial Day Parade; at the Hubbell Memorial Services; at the Department Encampment at Binghamton; at the National Encampment at Atlantic City; and other local exercises.

During the year 1913, under Commander Harry S. Styles, the Camp participated in the theatre party of the Memorial and Executive Committee; a celebration and parade on Washington's birthday under the auspices of Company F, 47th Regiment, New York National Guard; the Military Field Mass at the Brooklyn Navy Yard; annual Memorial Day parade; Hubbell Memorial Services; the unveiling of the Maine Memorial monument at Columbus Circle, New York City; Department Encampment at Syracuse; the National Encampment at Buffalo; and other local exercises.

The year 1914 was started under the able leadership of Commander George W. Preese, with the assistance of able-bodied officers, every one of whom is doing his duty to the Camp, its Commander and to the Comrades in general.

The Camp anticipates a year of continued activities along patriotic lines. The healthy condition of the Camp is indicated by the fact that in spite of the usual losses, its membership has increased steadily each year from a charter membership of forty members to the present roster of 135 Comrades.

This Camp being the only one in the vicinity is more of a local organization — that accounts for the participation in all local affairs.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK W. STOLLEY,

*Camp Historian.*

Approved:

GEO. W. PREESE, *Commander.*

June 18, 1914.



CAPTAIN MALCOLM A. RAFFERTY CAMP No. 80, LONG ISLAND  
CITY

*Department Historian:*

I have the honor to submit the following Camp Historian's report.

Camp was chartered April 17, 1909, with forty-four members.

The Past Commanders of this Camp are as follows:

John M. Phillips.....	1909-1910
William J. Massey.....	1911-1912
H. J. Schaefer .....	1913

January 2, 1913, Installation of Officers and supper, attended by District Inspector Gustavus.

January 15, 1913, Invitation to attend Tilly Camp's installation at Jamaica, Long Island.

January 25, 1913, Invitation to attend McKinley Camp's installation at Brooklyn, New York. Camp represented by eight Comrades.

February 15, 1913, Invitation to attend Maine Anniversary at Roosevelt Camp, New York. Camp represented by three Comrades.

February 22, 1913, Invitation to attend Washington's Birthday celebration, 47th Regiment, N. G., N. Y. Camp represented by four Comrades.

March 1, 1913, Annual Ball of Camp.

April 28, 1913, Camp attends funeral services of Comrade Clarence M. Vernons, late of 4th U. S. Artillery, a member of the Camp.

May 25, 1913, detail of Camp attends Memorial Services at Brooklyn Navy Yard, A. M. Camp represented by fifteen Comrades.

May 25, 1913, Camp attends Memorial Services at Corona, Long Island, in the evening.

May 30, 1913, Camp attends unveiling of Maine Monument at New York City in the afternoon.

May 30, 1913, Camp attends Memorial Services at Flushing, Long Island, A. M., and parade with G. A. R.

June 2, 1913, Delegates elected to attend Department Encampment at Syracuse, New York.

June 12, 1913, members of Camp attend Flushing Hospital, carnival and circus in the evening.

Fraternally yours in F., P. and H.,  
AUGUST SCHNECKENBURGER,  
*Camp Historian.*

Approved:

JOHN LEYA, *Commander.*

June 30, 1913.

COLONEL JOHN G. BUTLER CAMP No. 86, SYRACUSE, N. Y.

*The Department Historian:*

SIR.—On July 22, 1909, thirty-seven Veterans of the Spanish-American War, all that remained of Kolbe Camp No. 69, met and organized a new Camp known as Colonel John G. Butler Camp No. 86. Since that time the Camp has had an up-hill struggle to remain in existence. Numerous disasters occurring which threatened to break the organization, but slowly and surely the Camp has progressed until during the past year it has ranked with the best Camps of the Department of New York. The Camp has always had a permanent place in the functions of the city administration. During the State Fair week it has taken part in the parades of the Mystic Crew of the Kaneno, which is the Board of Trade of the city of Syracuse. It has always taken part in Memorial Day duties, and has always been an escort to and worked hand-in-hand with the Grand Army Department. Each year the Camp holds a military ball and other fetes.

On July, 1912, a small handful of members attended the Encampment at Binghamton, and only the backing of the administration of our city, after a hard and strenuous fight, succeeded in getting the Encampment to come to our city.

Since the amendment was passed at the last National Encampment at Buffalo, on honorary members, this Camp has obligated about thirty members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Camp has attended two banquets this year at Utica, as guests of Liscum Camp No. 33; and gave a banquet to all the Camps of central New York. On this occasion, the Grand Army of the Republic were guests of honor, including the Old Veteran Drum Corps, the only one of its kind in the State. During the year the Camp was called upon to bury two Comrades, one was

not a member of the Camp, but was about to become one. He was found dead in bed.

On Sunday evening, June 19th, when all of the nation was anxiously awaiting the news from Mexico, the members of the Camp met at Headquarters and when it became apparent that we were on the verge of war, the Camp voted unanimously to offer services again for the country.

The Past Commanders of the Butler Camp are Eugene Kurley, 1909; Thomas W. Quigley, 1910; James W. Dooley, 1911; P. J. Guilfoyle, 1912; C. O. Vogelsang, 1913.

The present officers are: Commander, Russell A. Babcock; Senior Vice-Commander, William Andrus; Junior Vice-Commander, Alexander Watson; Chaplain, C. H. Lodge; Adjutant, L. E. Sitterly; Quartermaster, Aaron Sager.

The Camp meets the first and third Tuesdays in the month. At the first meeting all business of the month is transacted; and at the second meeting the time is devoted to a social session. The Camp meets in Moose Temple, and as the majority of our members belong to the Loyal Order of Moose, we have been extended the privilege of using the club rooms as well.

In the matter of giving relief, the members of this Camp have never stood in the way of any Comrade, who in distress was worthy of such relief. We have not only helped Comrades of our city, but many coming through our city; for, being centrally located, we are called upon many times.

During the past year the Camp has been a busy one, as reports at Headquarters will show. The Camp has worked hard to push all legislative matter that has come under its jurisdiction. Resolutions were drawn by two different representatives, especially on the Key Bill (pensions for widows and orphans); also the Griffin Bill in the State Legislature. The Camp has also sorted out the dead-wood, and the members we have now are all workers for the cause of Justice and Right, in Fraternity, Patriotism and Humanity.

L. E. SITTERLY,  
*Historian.*

Approved:

RUSSELL A. BABCOCK, *Commander.*

July 7, 1914.

GEN. JOE WHEELER CAMP NO. 89, NEW YORK CITY.

*The Department Historian:*

SIR.—Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp was organized April 19, 1910, and a charter granted July 29, 1910. The following were the Charter Members of this Camp:

W. W. Ambrose	William A. Schumacher
Edwin G. Davis	George Weiss
John J. Falls	Matthew P. Boland
Joseph Karlow	Max Doebli
Ludlow L. Melins	William Gamble
William Ryan	Francis McNally
Milton Aronson	Christopher Pentony
Maurice Davis	E. DeKay Townsend
Samuel Frank	Frank Whitfield
Patrick J. Kelly	J. S. Caldwell
Clayton J. Morse	Charles D. Drake
Austin C. Saylor	John H. Hamilton
John C. Beyer	James J. Mahoney
Harry DeFelice	Boliver T. Reany
John Gamble	Solomon Weil
William B. Kirk	John W. Craig
Thomas H. Mulvehill	Timothy J. Dunigan
M. M. Marlowe	Jos. F. Higgins
Thos. Reilly	Geo. H. Weippert

The Commanders to date are as follows:

Comrade Austin C. Saylor.....	1910
Comrade Austin C. Saylor.....	1911
Comrade Matthew P. Boland.....	1912
Comrade Curtis N. Earle.....	1913
Comrade Timothy J. Dunigan.....	1914

Respectfully submitted,  
 PATRICK J. KELLY,  
*Historian.*

Approved:

TIMOTHY J. DUNIGAN, *Commander.*

July 6, 1914.

COLONEL JOHN JACOB ASTOR CAMP No. 98, NEW YORK CITY  
*The Department Historian:*

SIR.—This, the Junior Camp of the Department, really originated at a meeting of the New York Letter Carriers' Association on December 1, 1912, when the Spanish War Veterans present, most of whom had never joined a Camp of the U. S. W. V., thought it a good idea to form a Camp for United States Postal Employees of Greater New York. Temporary officers were elected as follows:

Acting Chairman, Patrick Garrahy; Acting Secretary, Albert A. Reiling.

Other Veterans present were: Richard N. Daves, John F. Eble, John Desmond, Wm. R. Clooney, James Kearney, Thomas C. Kearns, and John Prodo.

The Acting Chairman presided at a meeting in Borough Hall, Brooklyn, on March 30, 1913. We were finally authorized from National Headquarters to call a meeting to organize the Camp.

This meeting was held on May 5, 1913, and officers elected as follows:

Commander, Patrick Garrahy; Senior Vice Commander, John A. Prodo; Adjutant, Albert A. Reiling; Quartermaster, Peter H. Schmidt; Officer of the Day, George W. Kolchoff; Officer of the Guard, John A. Eble; Trustee, 3 years, Charles Wilson; Trustee, 2 years, Thomas C. Kearns; Trustee, 1 year, Patrick T. Maloney; Chaplain, Thomas Gilsenan; Sergeant Major, Ernest W. Lang, Color Sergeants, George Christman, Henry Chlebowski; Quartermaster Sergeant, S. F. J. Bradley; Historian, Charles S. Torrey; Chief Musician, Richard N. Davis.

The Charter Members of the Camp, including the above-named officers, are as follows: William Clooney, Samuel Morris, Frederick H. Borman, Richard Thiele, John Cunningham, James F. Kearney, John Herron, Adolph Kremble, Bernard Rothstein, James McCarthy, James M. Devine, Frederick Ganter, Jr., John C. Colton, Peter A. Walsh, John J. Flannery, John A. Sherman, Theodore Schifflin, William Sintzenick, John A. Hennessy, Mark S. Harris, Alexander R. Harlow.

Permanent quarters were secured through the efforts of Com-

rade Maloney, at St. Paul's Parish House, 29 Vesey Street, New York City, where the first regular meeting was held on Saturday evening, May 17, 1913, when thirty-three members were mustered in.

The Camp was instituted and officers installed by Past Commander Patrick F. Hearney of Manhattan Camp No. 1, assisted by Comrade Burke, Adjutant of Guy V. Henry Camp.

On Memorial Sunday, May 25, 1913, the Camp made its first public appearance at the Memorial Field Mass at the Brooklyn Navy Yard at eleven A. M. In the afternoon the Camp marched in a body to Trinity Cemetery, and placed a wreath on the tomb of Colonel John Jacob Astor, after, and in honor of whom the Camp is named. From the cemetery the Camp proceeded to the Seventy-first Regiment Armory at Thirty-fourth Street, and fell in line with the Camps of New York City and vicinity, marching to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fifth Avenue and Fiftieth Street, to take part in Memorial Services conducted by the Memorial and Executive Committee of New York County. At all these functions the Camp turned out in its full strength; the Carriers wearing the Letter Carrier uniforms with white gloves; while the Clerks and other Post Office employees wore dark civilian dress.

The next public appearance of this Camp was on Memorial Day, May 30, 1913, when they paraded in the morning with the Grand Army of the Republic. In the afternoon the Camp took part in the United Spanish War Veterans' parade, and unveiling of the Maine Monument at Columbus Circle, when there was about seventy-five clerks, carriers and other employees of the Post Office (who were eligible for membership in the Organization) in the ranks with them. This Camp fell in line behind Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 91, which is composed of police and firemen, and wear the uniform of the department in which the members are employed.

The blending of the blue and gray uniforms made a beautiful contrast, and brought cheers from the thousands of spectators along the line of march. Several newspapers commented on this feature of the parade, and all together the Camp took a very active part in the observance of Memorial Day, 1913.

Commander Garrahy and several Comrades of the Camp attended the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of our Department Chaplain, the Reverend

Father Reaney, on June 21st at the Imperial Hotel, Brooklyn. Comrade Mark S. Harris, and Senior Vice-Commander John Provo were delegates at Memorial and Executive Committee. Commander Garrahy also attended.

This Camp had two representatives at the Tenth National Encampment at Buffalo, September 3 to 6, 1913. Commander Garrahy and Senior Vice-Commander Provo, the latter as alternate, having been given proxy to represent Camp No. 74 of Pennsylvania. Commander Garrahy give an interesting report at the meeting on September 13th. At this meeting Alexander Glatz was appointed Chief Musician to succeed Richard N. Davis; and John J. Flannery was appointed Historian to succeed Charles S. Torrey.

The Camp went in a body to quarters of Manhattan Camp No. 1, on Saturday evening October 11, 1913, where a Maine Memorial Tablet was unveiled. All the members were presented individually to Admiral Sigsbee and Reverend Father Chidwick, the Captain and Chaplain respectively of the "Maine" when she was destroyed.

The Camp was well represented at the testimonial dinner given by Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 91, to their honorary members at Terrace Garden, New York City, on Wednesday, October 22, 1913. Commander Garrahy also attended.

A communication was sent to several Congressmen by Commander Garrahy about securing a memorial tablet made from the metal of the Maine. Answers were received from the following gentlemen: Hon. John J. Fitzgerald, Hon. William M. Calder, Hon. Henry George, Jr., Hon. Herman Metz, and Hon. J. A. Goulden. Each of the gentlemen stated that he would do all he could to secure one of these tablets for the Camp.

At the regular meeting held November 22nd, the contract for United Spanish War Veterans' regulation uniform was awarded to Maher Brothers of Utica, New York.

At this meeting, Comrade Davis's plan of selling chances on an oil painting at five cents each, was adopted to raise funds to purchase a stand of colors for the Camp.

On December 13, 1913, election of officers was held, and the following were elected for the year 1914:

Commander, Patrick Garrahy; Senior Vice Commander, John A. Prodo; Junior Vice Commander, John F. Eble; Adjutant, Albert A. Reiling; Quartermaster, Peter H. Schmidt; Officer of the Day, John J. Flannery; Officer of the Guard; Bernard Rothstein; Trustee, 3 years, Patrick T. Maloney; Trustee, 2 years, Charles Wilson; Trustee, 1 year, Thomas C. Kearns; Surgeon, Mcville D. Hays, M. D.; Patriotic Instructor, Richard N. Davis; Chaplain, Thomas Gilsenan; Sergeant Major, Ernest W. Lang; Color Sergeants, George Christman, Henry Chlebowsky; Quartermaster Sergeant, Sam J. F. Bradly; Historian, Peter A. Walsh; Chief Musician, Alexander Glatz.

At the same meeting Commander Garrahy was instructed to endeavor to procure the services of Comrade Alfred J. Kennedy, Department Chief of Staff, who is also postmaster of Flushing, to officiate at the installation of officers.

On January 10, 1914, the officers were installed by Department Chief of Staff Kennedy, assisted by Comrade Niemeyer, also of Flushing. After installation the Camp held a banquet at Behren's Hotel on Rose street, in honor of Comrades Kennedy and Niemeyer. This was the Camp's first appearance in the U. S. W. V. uniforms.

At the meeting on January 24th it was decided to hold a Maine Memorial Service in conjunction with the unveiling of the Maine Memorial Tablet, which we had previously secured on February 15th. Through the efforts of Comrade Davis we secured the drill room of the Seventy-first Regiment Armory for the occasion, by courtesy of Colonel Bates of that Regiment. Posters were printed and posted in all post office branches in Greater New York announcing the services. We again got Comrade Kennedy's consent to honor us by unveiling the tablet, but it developed that he gallantly made way for Admiral Sigsbee, whom we did not expect to have with us on this occasion.

Special meeting of officers on Sunday, February 8th, at room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn, to perfect arrangements for our Maine Memorial Service. At this meeting Comrade Davis showed his resourcefulness and ability by taking a great deal of the work on himself, for which he is to be highly commended.



The Maine Memorial Service and Unveiling of Tablet took place at the Seventy-first Regiment Armory, Thirty-fourth street and Park avenue, New York City, on Sunday, February 15th, before an assemblage of about two thousand people; the ladies having been invited

Hon. William E. Kelly, President of the National Association of Letter Carriers, and subsequently appointed postmaster of Brooklyn, presided. Reverend William T. Crocker, Chaplain of the 71st Regiment, National Guard of New York, read the opening prayer. The following speakers addressed the assemblage: Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee; National Chaplain, J. Madison Hare, U. S. W. V.; William E. Kelly, N. A. L. C.; B. J. Wald, Past Department Commander, U. S. W. V.; Ralph H. Parker, Department Commander; Hon. Alfred J. Kennedy, Chief of Staff, Department of New York (Postmaster of Flushing); O. E. Iler, Senior Vice Commander; Rev. William T. Crocker, Chaplain Seventy-first Regiment, N. G., N. Y.; and Rev. Mr. Geer, Pastor of St. Paul's Parish, who pronounced the benediction.

Articles appeared in the following New York papers on Monday, February 16, 1914, regarding the services: Herald, Tribune, Times, Sun, Press, American, World, and Evening Telegram. There were articles in the Army and Navy Journal, and American Standard, Washington, D. C.; also in the Chief, February 21st, and Chronicle, February 21, 1914.

On February 19th the Camp was represented at the theater party held at the Alhambra Theater by the following Comrades and ladies: Commander Gerrahy and wife; Senior Vice Provo and wife; Adjutant Reiling; I. M. Schmidt and wife; and Historian Walsh with wife and friends.

The Comrades were in uniform, and with the ladies, occupied twelve seats, making a good showing for the Camp. The party was arranged by the Memorial and Executive Committee of Manhattan and the Bronx.

On March 14th the Camp elected to honorary membership the Hon. William E. Kelly, Postmaster of Brooklyn; Congressman Loft; and the Rev. Mr. Geer, Pastor of St. Paul's, Vessey street and Broadway.

On Wednesday, March 25, 1914, this Camp suffered its first loss in the death of Comrade John A. Hennesy, a carrier in the

Brooklyn Post Office. Comrade Hennesy left no relatives in this country, and the Camp took charge of the funeral. Thirty members turned out in uniform; a firing squad from Governor's Island; and twenty letter carriers in carrier's uniforms. The steps of Brooklyn Post Office were crowded with officials, clerks, carriers and other employees, and all uncovered as the funeral passed, showing the esteem in which they held Comrade Hennesy. At the National Cemetery at Cypress Hills the services were conducted by Chaplain Gilsenon. The squad fired three volleys, and as the echoes died away Bugler Scanlon sounded taps, the final tribute to a veteran who served his cuntry with honor.

Comrade Hennesy served in the 2d Pennsylvania, 7th Pennsylvania, U. S. Infantry, and the 65th Coast Artillery. This service was in the States, the Philippines, and in Alaska.

Articles regarding the affairs of the Camp appeared in *The Chief*, a civil service paper published weekly, and in the *Civil Service Chronicle* on the following dates: February 22, 1913, May 3, 1913, May 10, 1913, May 17, May 24, August 16, 1913, January 3, January 17, February 7, February 21, and April 4, 1914.

On March 28th we had our stand of colors for the first time and a committee was appointed to secure rifles for the color guard. We will be complete as far as equipment goes.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER A. WALSH,

*Historian.*

Approved:

PATRICK GARRAHY, *Commander.*

April 22, 1914.

COMRADE LAUBY, Camp No. 21:

Comrade Commander, I would like to find out at this time whether or not I am in order to renew my motion that I made this morning? It is absolutely necessary.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I would suggest that you let us continue with the reports of the officers. We have only two more.

COMRADE LAUBY:

Shall I be in order after that?

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Yes, you will be in order after that.

The Assistant Department Adjutant will read the report of the Department Musician.

## DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN'S REPORT

ALBANY, N. Y.

Twelve Camps have responded to the request in G. O. No. 12 and to the personal letters sent to each Camp, reporting thirty-nine men are willing to join the band.

The Department Musician anticipates having a meeting of those interested in the Department Band after the Parade, and in which he hopes that every Camp will be represented, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for the progress of the band.

Yours in F., P. & H.,

W. ELMORE SLACK,

*Department Musician.*

## ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

The Department Musician has requested that all members who are interested in the Band will kindly meet in the rooms of General Eugene Griffin Camp on the third floor of the Armory. He wants to take up the question of organizing a Department Band.

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I have an announcement or two, please. Is Comrade Bart Hunt here? (Yes.) Comrade Hunt desires to make an announcement.

## COMRADE BART HUNT:

"That as President of the United Spanish War Veterans' Civil Service Association of the State of New York, I would like to have all the officers who are employed by any branch of the City, State or Federal Government to remain for a few minutes after this meeting so that we can explain to you some of the items we have for our program for the Constitutional Convention. If you will remain here, why, we will prepare some resolutions to be presented to the Encampment."



Department Musician W. ELMORE SLACK  
(Appointed May 1, 1914)





COMRADE WATSON, Camp No. 85:

In view of the great time we have lost in opening the afternoon session, and the morning session, I move you, sir, that hereafter the sessions convene at the exact hour stated.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

That will be done without a motion.

COMRADE LAUBY:

Am I in order to renew my motion?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Yes, I will accept your motion.

COMRADE LAUBY:

In order to expedite matters on the last day of this Convention, I repeat the motion that I made this morning. I will make it a little more plain now than I did this morning, so that every Comrade will understand it. I move you that the nominations for all officers for the ensuing year be made the first order of business at the morning session of the second day. That the Department Encampment be empowered to supply a sufficient number of ballots to supply all the delegates entitled to vote, showing the names of the candidates and the various officers, and one blank space to be left for each position so as to allow the name of any candidate not appearing on the ballot to be written in.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Well, now, Comrade Lauby, it was the intent of the Department Commander to carry out the motion without putting it before the Encampment, and if there is no objection — there is no use going into a discussion and making it a matter of record. Is there any objection for us proceeding along the lines followed by the National Encampment? I want to say that there are no rules for the Department Encampment in this particular. The proceedings of the National Body can be followed practically to the letter, with one or two exceptions. If there is no objection it is not necessary to place the motion.

A COMRADE:

Is the rule rendered binding?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

No, Comrade; I am just asking if there are no objections.

A COMRADE:

Put that again.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any objection to following the procedure of Section 7, Part 2 of the National Encampment — for the Department Encampment.

There is no objection.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I ask you to please cut out all further motions, and wait for just one or two announcements.

The Department Patriotic Instructor would like all Camp Patriotic Instructors, all Camp Commanders, and all Comrades interested in Patriotic Instruction to assemble here for discussion.

Now, in fairness to the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, I ask you to wait just one or two moments before we adjourn.

COMRADE STRACHAN, Chairman of Entertainment Committee:

The Eagles and the Moose will hold open house for three nights. You can get full information as to all such matters at the Bureau of Information. The American Theatre, which is right up this street, has generously donated their house to members of the United Spanish War Veterans for any afternoon during the Encampment. You can go in free of charge.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I recognize Comrade Harris:

COMRADE HARRIS, Camp No. 46:

I move you, sir, that we adjourn.

Duly seconded.

The Department Commander puts the motion and it is agreed to.

At 5:40 P. M., the Encampment therefore adjourned, to meet again to-morrow, July 7, 1914.

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**SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION**

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**July 7, 1914**

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Department Junior Vice-Commander, THOMAS S. SCOTT





## SECOND DAY

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Morning Session, July 7, 1914

The Department Commander at twenty minutes after ten o'clock called the Encampment to order, and said:

The Chaplain will now deliver the Divine Blessing.

### PRAYER

By the Chaplain, the Rev. FATHER WILLIAM H. I. REANEY:

Almighty and Eternal God, we acknowledge Thy Supreme Dominion over us, and our eternal and total dependence upon Thy Almighty Will. We acknowledge Thee as our Light; we acknowledge Thee as our Master; we acknowledge Thee as our Ruler. We are Thy servants. We are tools in Thy hands to do with us whatsoever Thou wilt.

Graciously be near to all those who are in sickness and distress. Look down with tender pity upon those who are about to give their last gasp of life on this earth. In this way make us realize that we were created by Thee and for Thee — that Thou are our first beginning and last ending; and to give the will — that mind which Thou has given us to serve Thee with that will which Thou hast given us, with all those God-like powers we find ourselves created with; because Thou might have created us an infidel or an imbecile, but instead of that Thou hast given to us a magnificent, a divine form — given us Thy God-like qualities of mind and free-will; and that Thou hast especially blest us by giving us the honor of serving as Soldiers and Sailors in Thy outfit, in the protection of the Flag, which we all, under Thee, dearly love, and for which we stand at this hour and every moment of our life, ready to give up all that this world sends in the way of glory. We are indifferent, therefore, as to whether our life be a long life or a short life, we are indifferent to it, being fully confident and resting upon Thy Divine Providence, we know that we are as safe as the birds of the air and as safe as the beautiful lillies of the field. Thou wilt provide for us.

We pray Thee that Thou wilt instill into our heart of hearts the love which is true religion — the true religion of caring for

the Widow and for the Orphans; and loving, throbbing — more by the heart throbbings than by the follies of worldly sensations.

In our waywardness we have departed from Thy Law. Look down with pity upon us, because we recognize that Thou art our Father. We recognize that we are Thy sons, and that though we have wandered away as the Poor Prodigal, and we know that Thy loving heart stands ready to receive us with open arms, because we have it upon our faces, the image of Thyself; and though we have wandered away and sought solace amongst the swine-herds, still we realize in our rags and tatters that there is waiting for us a son's robe, a son's ring; that there is always a welcome back in our Father's home. We therefore raise our voices, according to Thy instructions that we pray:

Our Father who are in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

The Department Adjutant will read some communications.

Department Adjutant reads the following:

**THE WHITE HOUSE,**

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 25, 1914.*

MY DEAR SIR.— The President has asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 23d, and to thank you most heartily for the courteous invitation which you extend to him on behalf of the Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York. While he greatly appreciates your kindness in the matter, he regrets very much that he is unable to send his acceptance. He wishes me to convey to you his very best wishes for a successful convention.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. TUMULTY,

*Secretary to the President.*

COMMANDER GEORGE L. ALEXANDER,

*General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, U. S. W. V.,  
Schenectady, N. Y.*

THE OUTLOOK,

287 Fourth Avenue, New York

OFFICE OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

July 3, 1914.

MY DEAR SIR.—Colonel Roosevelt has asked me to thank you for your very kind invitation to come and speak for you. Unfortunately it is impossible for him to do so. His doctors have ordered him to cut out all speaking engagements for many months to come, and although he is unwilling to do this completely, he nevertheless feels that he will only be able to accept one or two of the very important engagements he really ought to accept if at all possible, and I am sorry to tell you that yours cannot be included in the two or three he will be able to accept.

With real regret,

Sincerely yours,

Signed: FRANK HARPER,

*Secretary.*

MR. RALPH H. PARKER,

*United Spanish War Veterans, 51 Leonard St., New York City.*

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Now, Comrades, if you will allow me to appoint a Committee on Greetings to the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Is Past Commander-in-Chief Simmons here?

Is Past Department Commander Wall here?

Is Past Department Commander Cunningham here?

Is Past Department Commander Herrick here?

Comrades Herrick, Cunningham and Germond of Camp No. 43; will these three Comrades kindly extend the greetings of this Encampment to the Ladies of the Auxiliary. It will be appreciated.

(The Comrades indicated performed the duty to the complete satisfaction of the Encampment.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Now, Comrades, we have completed the reports with the exception of that of the Department Commander, the Department

Adjutant and the Department Quartermaster — they have been printed. Every Comrade is acquainted with the reports. It is simply a matter of form that they be referred to the Resolutions Committee. It was regularly moved and seconded that the printed reports be accepted, and referred to Committee.

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## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

*To the Department Commander:*

SIR AND COMRADE.— In compliance with subdivision M, Section 4, Article 7, Part 5, of the Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit my report of the office of Department Adjutant for the term commencing June 25, 1913, and ending June 30, 1914.

Upon taking up the duties of this office, an exhaustive investigation of the methods and system in vogue during the preceding years was made, and as a result the following conditions were found to exist, viz.: no record was kept of correspondence; no mailing list was maintained other than that printed in the Department's Bulletin, and no record kept of the amount of supplies purchased by the different Camps. The financial books were incomplete and it was impossible to give the standing of any Camp in the Department by reason of the fact that there was no ledger. True, a loose leaf system was kept giving the credit of National and Department per capita tax, but beyond giving the amount received, no other entry was made. These disclosures necessitated the establishment of an entirely new system, and the task of putting the office in shape was immediately begun.

### FINANCES

The first matter to receive attention was the installation of an entire new set of financial books. This was done in obedience to the resolution adopted at the Tenth Annual Department Encampment. A single entry ledger was opened and a complete financial account with each Camp maintained. In addition to this, a separate ledger was provided to record the payment of National per capita tax by the Camps and the entries made



Department Adjutant WILLIAM JONES







therein. Throughout the year all moneys made payable to the Adjutant-General and forwarded to these Headquarters were refused and a request at once made to those sending such moneys to have the same payable to the Department Adjutant. The result of this has been to insure the transmission of the National per capita tax through Department Headquarters and the cancelled check is now attached to the voucher drawn for that amount.

In the case of every expenditure there is on file the voucher, bill and cancelled check. These should all be retained in the permanent records of the Department. On one occasion a request was made for the financial record of a transaction made during a past administration but owing to the fact that the voucher was not to be found, the desired information necessarily could not be given.

In the early part of this administration, the standing of different Camps was the subject of controversy. Correspondence was opened with the Past Adjutant-General and requests made for the standing of the Camps, and two different statements of the actual standing of the Camps in this Department were received. In February of this year, after the matter had been held in abeyance for several months, the present Adjutant-General forwarded a complete statement of the financial standing of the Camps in this Department, and this revealed the interesting information that a number of Camps had a credit at National Headquarters. This credit was due to a rebate which was given on all subscriptions to the Review.

Whenever money was received, a receipt was immediately returned to the sender specifying the amount and the item to be credited, as supplies, Department or National per capita tax, etc. All receipts up to and including June 26, 1914, have been made. An audit of the books for the term ending December 31, 1913, was published in G. O. No. 8, C. S. A complete report from July 5, 1913, to June 26, 1914, is hereto attached, and a final audit will be made at the close of the Encampment to cover the period from June 26, 1914, to date.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

*Receipts*

Received from past administration July 15, 1913..	\$604 17
Received from past administration July 29, 1913..	7 44
(Of this amount \$539.60 was due National Headquarters for per capita tax due July 1, 1913.)	
National per capita tax .....	2,831 75
Department per capita tax .....	1,190 33
Supplies . . . . .	2,030 57
Miscellaneous (advertisements in roster).....	25 00
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	\$6,689 26
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*Disbursements*

Supplies National Headquarters .....	\$1,226 49
Postage (including postage on supplies).....	298 48
Office supplies . . . . .	23 90
Expressage . . . . .	11 81
Per capita tax National Headquarters .....	2,927 01
Printing . . . . .	585 85
Encampment badges . . . . .	40 00
Railroad fare and expenses .....	234 41
Miscellaneous . . . . .	117 11
Reporter (1913 proceedings) .....	75 00
Balance . . . . .	1,158 20
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	\$6,689 26
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*Recapitulation*

Total receipts . . . . .	\$6,689 26
Total disbursements .....	5,531 06
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Balance on hand June 26, 1914.....	\$1,158 20
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(Of this amount \$442.63 is due National Headquarters for per capita tax due July 1st.)

Books audited to June 26, 1914 and found to be correct.

(Signed) JOHN DALY, Camp No. 5,  
GERALD O'KEEFE, Camp No. 93.

#### DELINQUENT CAMPS

Another question at issue during the first of the present term was the payments of per capita tax due from Camps to both Department and National Headquarters. The opinion seems to prevail that the payment could be made at any time it suited the convenience of the Camps which were delinquent. This was the obvious deduction to be made, for, on August 11, 1913, letters were sent to thirty (30) Camp Commanders requesting an immediate settlement. Again, on September 15, 1913, it was found necessary to send five registered letters to as many Commanders who failed to realize the importance of being paid up to date. A stricter compliance with section 1, article 10, part 3, of the Rules and Regulations should be maintained to the end that the duties of the Department Adjutant in this respect may be lightened.

It is worthy of note to mention here that Camp No. 81, now located in the Philippine Islands, and Camp No. 95, which was delinquent, have both paid up their indebtedness and are in good standing again.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Twelve General Orders and nine Special Orders have been issued to date, approximately 80,000 copies. A sufficient number of General Orders being sent to each Camp Adjutant to insure the forwarding of a copy to each member in good standing. Unfortunately, in a good many cases, this has not been done. Camps have neglected to do this and the copies of the General Orders have been thrown aside or else permitted to gather dust in the Adjutant's desk. By your direction a consultation was held with the Postmaster and the matter of the mailing of General Orders was discussed. It is a pleasure to report that as a result the average cost of mailing the General Orders each month is about \$1.60. During the first month of office there was forwarded a sufficient number of acknowledgment cards to Camp Adjutants

to enable them to acknowledge the receipt of either orders or communications from these headquarters. Copies of all General and Special Orders are hereto attached and form part of this report.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The laxity of some Camp officers in the acknowledgment of communications has often been reported to Department Encampments. There seemed to be the general feeling that it was not necessary to pay attention to communications from Department Headquarters. To keep an accurate account of these delinquencies, a "letter received and a letter sent book," was opened. In this book is entered the number of the communication, the date received or sent, the name of the writer, to whom sent and a brief of the subject and the date answered. In checking up the records, it is found that 146 letters requiring answers were not even acknowledged, and of this number 119 were sent between July 1 and December 31, 1913. An improvement for the better has been shown during the past six months, but there are still a few Comrades who are dilatory and even indifferent in the matter of answering communications.

The correspondence has been very heavy, 1,620 letters were received and recorded, and there are on file 1,067 letters, carbon copies of which form part of the records of this Department. In addition to these approximately 2,000 unnumbered communications have been answered by post card. These included Camp orders, reports, requests for supplies, etc. Over 1,000 post cards were sent out to departmental officers and aides.

#### CAMP RECORDS

In order that a complete record of Camps in the Department could be maintained, an index system giving the following information has been installed:

Name and number of Camp.

Date of charter.

Number of charter members.

Name and address of National officers.

Name and address of Department officers.

Name and address of Past Commander, with year of office.

On different occasions this was found to be quite valuable. In this index cabinet will also be found cards giving the permanent mailing list.

#### CARD INDEX

Realizing its necessity, the perfection of the card index of the membership was undertaken. The cards on file were of no value and were consigned to the archives of the Department. There were forwarded 20,000 forms to the Camp Adjutants with Special Order No. 1, calling for an accurate transcript of the records of each Camp. These forms being returned were copied on heavier cards and filed alphabetically in a cabinet. With the exception of Camps Nos. 35, 75 and 95 the record is complete. Over 15,000 cards are on file and the value of this index has been proven time and again.

Each Adjutant is required to forward to Department Headquarters all new applications for membership and upon receipt thereof a copy is taken of the record, and in the case where the applicant's card is not on file the application is returned approved. It has been found that many members now in good standing in various Camps have been previously dropped from other Camps for nonpayment of dues. In one or two cases the records have shown that Comrades have been members of three Camps and have been dropped in each. At this time the thanks of this office are tendered to the Camp Adjutants who have materially assisted in completing this index.

#### DEPARTMENT ROSTER

In the month of January of this year a copy of the Camp Roster was forwarded to each Camp Adjutant for the necessary corrections. The replies being obtained, the roster was issued in February, 1914, the earliest it has ever been sent out.

#### ADJUTANTS' MEETING

In G. O. No. 4, C. S., a meeting of the Camp Adjutants was called at Department Headquarters on October 17, 1913, and about thirty (30) responded. A general discussion of the duties of the Camp Adjutant was held, questions were asked and

answered, and as a result a closer co-operation between the Camps and this office was obtained and communications were sent through the proper channels.

#### VISITS

Many visits were made to Camps for the purpose of rendering assistance and to encourage the work of Camp officers. It has been a pleasure indeed to meet and talk over matters of vital concern to our organization with the Comrades, and to discuss with them the routine business. In making these visits, as well as in the several inspections made while acting as a District Inspector, it has always been my endeavor to give whatever assistance was possible.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Owing to the Eleventh Encampment being so close to the semi-annual term, it will be impossible to give a complete report for the term ending June 30, 1914. The following is the report to date.

EDITOR'S NOTE.— The report below is now complete.

	No. in good standing December 31, 1912	No. in good standing June 30, 1913	No. in good standing December 31, 1913	No. in good standing June 30, 1914
.....				
1 .....	417	454	426	429
2 .....	83	75	104	103
3 .....	119	132	132	134
4 .....	260	270	266	282
5 .....	62	62	57	76
6 .....	20	22	22	23
7 .....	65	66	69	69
8 .....	51	50	41	32
9 .....	31	35	41	42
10 .....	82	89	94	110
11 .....	119	114	113	129
12 .....	209	232	271	288
14 .....	109	128	129	129
15 .....	105	126	168	183
16 .....	89	107	101	107
17 .....	32	41	74	78
18 .....	63	48	52	47

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	No. in good standing December 31, 1912	No. in good standing June 30, 1913	No. in good standing December 31, 1913	No. in good standing June 30, 1914
19 .....	118	126	144	126
20 .....	132	132	133	107
21 .....	59	56	56	57
22 .....	22	23	26	26
23 .....	50	65	68	75
24 .....	79	84	78	78
25 .....	95	117	144	151
26 .....	43	40	38	55
27 .....	46	41	48	43
28 .....	91	102	119	135
29 .....	35	34	23	21
30 .....	47	47	47	49
31 .....	45	44	48	51
32 .....	32	32	23	22
33 .....	34	35	39	37
34 .....	27	37	39	44
35 .....	33	34	33	33
36 .....	82	79	75	76
37 .....	30	44	44	50
38 .....	99	97	96	103
39 .....	52	54	56	59
40 .....	42	42	42	40
42 .....	51	55	53	54
43 .....	66	66	64	73
44 .....	70	70	72	66
45 .....	76	84	83	89
46 .....	68	78	67	72
47 .....	12	12	12	12
48 .....	38	44	45	44
49 .....	109	124	118	127
51 .....	20	20	18	21
52 .....	25	25	20	20
53 .....	89	99	98	100
56 .....	33	36	38	42
58 .....	39	40	38	38
59 .....	154	166	169	201



## UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

	No. in good standing December 31, 1912	No. in good standing June 30, 1913	No. in good standing December 31, 1913	No. in good standing June 30, 1914
60 .....	26	28	27	28
61 .....	18	21	24	19
62 .....	35	52	77	88
65 .....	32	35	36	40
66 .....	42	48	52	62
67 .....	16	22	22	26
68 .....	22	12	14	15
69 .....	45	43	47	47
71 .....	30	30	30	30
72 .....	17	18	20	24
73 .....	119	154	135	139
74 .....	20	22	22	25
75 .....	30	30	32	32
78 .....	81	86	87	97
79 .....	36	31	32	31
80 .....	44	44	42	45
81 .....	27	27	27	34
82 .....	25	28	21	10
83 .....	27	29	29	26
84 .....	93	98	105	70
85 .....	105	113	119	120
86 .....	69	76	77	71
87 .....	29	33	26	14
89 .....	43	51	48	36
90 .....	35	35	33	27
91 .....	157	201	192	188
92 .....	18	20	20	20
93 .....	50	60	66	71
94 .....	54	54	48	49
95 .....	21	12	12	14
96 .....	40	41	44	46
98 .....	..	39	48	51
Totals . . .	5,465	5,829	6,088	6,253

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is apparent that a permanent supply account should be maintained by each Camp in the Department with these Headquarters. It is recommended that each Camp advance the sum of \$10 for this purpose, the Camp making such loan being permitted to draw against it for supplies up to the amount of money loaned.

2. It is recommended that this Encampment adopt a system of uniform Forms such as Receipts, Vouchers, Encampment Certificates, etc.

3. It is recommended that a permanent headquarters for the card index of the membership be established and that this be under the jurisdiction of an Assistant Department Adjutant.

4. It is recommended that a resolution be adopted at this Encampment to make the following amendment to Section 2, Article 13, Part 5, of the Rules and Regulations: 7th line, after the word "dues" add "in no case, however, shall the same exceed four (\$4.00) dollars."

CONCLUSION

Gratitude compels me to extend to you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the trust that you have reposed in me in appointing me to the office of Department Adjutant. I am sure that our relations have been cordial and that the friendship that we had begun years ago will continue and that as time goes on we both can work loyally and enthusiastically to bring our Department to the highest state of efficiency.

To my Comrades who have so generously given of their time, their energy and their enthusiasm to assist me in the many details of my office, I want to now record my thanks. I feel that they know that their work in behalf of the Organization will be appreciated by the other Comrades as I have appreciated it for the past year.

To the other Comrades throughout the Department with whom I have been brought in official contact, I want to assure them that their interest and mine were the same and that we were all working for the common good of the United Spanish War Veterans in the Department of New York.

Respectfully submitted,  
WM. JONES,  
*Department Adjutant.*

June 26, 1914.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION — DEPARTMENT OF  
NEW YORK

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

BUFFALO, N. Y., *September 4, 1913*

A meeting of the Council of Administration was held in the Hotel Genesee, Buffalo, N. Y., on September 4, 1913, the following Department Officers being in attendance:

Department Commander, Ralph H. Parker.

Department Senior Vice Commander, O. E. Iler.

Department Inspector, Isaac Joel.

Department Surgeon, Frank W. Ross.

Department Historian, P. J. Guilfoyle.

Department Marshal, William Gilbert.

Assistant Department Adjutant, John S. Strachen.

Matters of interest to the Organization were discussed and it was decided that the energies of the Organization should be directed towards recruiting.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the per capita tax of the Department for the current term be placed at 25 cents. Carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Department Encampment Committee that the dates of the 11th Annual Department Encampment be July 6, 7 and 8, 1914.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned.

WILLIAM JONES, Department Adjutant,

*Secretary.*

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION — DEPARTMENT OF  
NEW YORK

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., *July 7, 1914*

Meeting called for the purpose of transacting such business as should properly be brought before it.

Members of Council present:

Department Commander, Ralph H. Parker.

Department Senior Vice Commander, Oliver E. Iler.

Department Surgeon, Frank W. Ross.

Department Commander advised Council that notice had been given to all members of the Council present at the Encampment in Schenectady, but that the absentees were apparently busy with other matters pertaining to the Encampment.

The salary of the Department Adjutant was fixed at \$150.

The salary of the Department Quartermaster at \$100.

The salaries of the two Assistant Department Adjutants was fixed at \$25 each.

The above salaries were ordered paid.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

OLIVER E. ILER, Department Senior Vice Commander,  
*Secretary.*

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BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR  
VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY, *July 1, 1913*

General Orders No. 1

*Series 1913-1914*

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Commander of the Department of New York, at the 10th Annual Encampment, held at Syracuse, June 23, 24 and 25, 1913, I hereby assume command.

*Headquarters*

2. Headquarters will be established in the Armory of the 2d Field Artillery, N. G. N. Y., 166th street and Franklin avenue, Bronx, New York City. Headquarters night will be every Friday night, when headquarters will be open at 8.15 p. m. for the transaction of Departmental business.

*Department Officers*

3. The following officers were also elected at the Tenth Annual Encampment to serve for the ensuing year:

Department Senior Vice Commander, O. E. Iler, Major John K. Sague Camp No. 44, Poughkeepsie.

Department Junior Vice Commander, Thos. R. Scott, T. H. Barber Camp No. 3, Binghamton.

Department Inspector, Isaac Joel, Wm. R. Carmer Camp No. 8, Mt. Vernon.

Department Judge Advocate, Calvin S. McChesney, M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy.

Department Surgeon, Dr. F. W. Ross, E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40, Elmira.

Department Chaplain, Rev. W. H. I. Reaney, Gloucester Camp No. 5, New York City.

Department Marshal, Wm. E. Gilbert, L. B. Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester.

*Delegates-at-Large*

Commander John J. Strachen, General E. J. Griffin Camp No. 11, Schenectady; Past Department Senior Vice Commander J. Driscoll, E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40, Elmira; Comrade George McCune, M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy; Past Adjutant General E. W. Larkin, Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48.

*Alternates*

Commander G. N. Whistler, Jos. S. Decker Camp No. 20; Past Commander John F. Dwyer, Empire City Camp No. 92; Commander George Jenkinson, L. B. Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester; Comrade Morris Floria, Old Guard Camp No. 19, New York City.

*Appointments*

4. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Department Adjutant, William Jones, David Wilson Camp No. 59, 4380 Carpenter Avenue, Bronx, New York City; Department Quartermaster, T. J. O'Donnell, Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, East 55th Street, New York City.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

*Personal*

5. The Department Commander in assuming his office, does so with the expectation that each and every Comrade in the Department will render his assistance to make the administration a successful one. The Comrades should realize that it is impossible to meet with success unless this support be given.

*Testimonial*

6. A Committee consisting of Past Department Commander Bernard Wall as Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons, Past Department Commanders C. A. Simmons, W. Cunningham and Department Adjutant William Jones, was appointed at the Tenth Annual Encampment to receive subscriptions to purchase a testimonial to be given to Past Department Commander Chauncey W. Herrick in recognition of his services during the past year. Owing to the small attendance at the Encampment, the Committee did not meet with the success expected, and this means is taken of appealing to the Comrades of the Department for additional subscriptions. Make subscriptions direct to the Department Adjutant.

*Semi-Annual Reports*

7. Semi-annual reports of Camps are now due and should be forwarded immediately to Department Headquarters. Reports are to be filled out up to and including June 30, 1913.

*Per Capita Tax*

8. The Council of Administration has levied a semi-annual tax of 12½ cents on each good Comrade in good standing for the term commencing July 1, 1913. Camp Commanders' attention

is hereby called to Paragraph III, National General Orders No. 12, C. S., levying a per capita tax of 30 cents on each Comrade in good standing for the term commencing July 1, 1913. Both taxes based on the report of the term ending June 30, 1913, are now due and must accompany the semi-annual reports.

#### *National Encampment*

9. The 10th Annual Encampment will be held at Buffalo, N. Y., on September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1913. Camp Adjutants will immediately forward to Department Headquarters the names and addresses of duly elected delegates and alternates.

#### *Transportation Aide*

10. Past Commander J. E. Clare is hereby appointed Transportation Aide to arrange for the United Spanish War Veterans' special, from New York City, to the 10th Annual Encampment at Buffalo. Details will be announced later on.

#### *Historian's Annual Report*

11. In accordance with Sub-division E, Section 6, Article 9, Part 5, Rules and Regulations, Camp Historians are hereby instructed to forward their annual report to Department Headquarters not later than July 28, 1913. Camp Commanders will see that this report is promptly forwarded as a consolidated report must be made to the National Historian.

#### *Correspondence*

12. All communications, requisitions, etc., must be forwarded to the Department Adjutant. Communications of a personal nature may be forwarded to the Department Commander, 51 Leonard Street, New York City. Communications not sent through proper channels will be returned to sender.

#### *Aides-de-Camp*

13. Camp Commanders are requested to forward to Headquarters the name of a Comrade together with his address to serve as Aide-de Camp on the staff of the Department Commander. It will be expected that the Camp Commander in making the

selection will exercise good judgment as the position will not be an honorary one, but one that will require the "Live Wires" of the Department.

*Information*

14. Comrades who served with James A. C. Broadway in the 56th Company, Coast Artillery, prior to February, 1902, are requested to communicate with the Department Adjutant.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WM. JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

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BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR  
VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY, *August 1, 1913*

General Orders No. 2

*Series 1913-1914*

*Appointments*

1. The following appointments are hereby announced: Chief of Staff, Past Commander Alfred J. Kennedy, W. S. Overton Camp No. 29, Whitestone, L. I.; Department Historian, Past Commander Patrick J. Guilfoyle, Col. J. C. Butler Camp No. 86, Syracuse; First Assistant Department Adjutant, Comrade B. Rosenberg, David Wilson Camp No. 59, New York City; Second Assistant Department Adjutant, Commander John S. Strachen, Gen. E. Griffin Camp No. 11, Schenectady, N. Y.; First Assistant Department Quartermaster, Past Commander Wm. J. Keating, 14th Regiment Camp No. 14, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Second Assistant Department Quartermaster, Adjutant Alfred F. Kuhn, Seyburn Lisicum Camp No. 12, Buffalo, N. Y.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.



*General Orders*

2. These orders are promulgated for the guidance of Comrades of the Department of New York. It is an unnecessary expense to publish them unless the Comrades at least take the time to read them. Department Headquarters is in receipt of several communications during the past month from Camp officers, which clearly indicate those same officers did not read the last General Orders issued. It would be well for these Comrades to read Paragraph B, Section 4, Article 7, Part 6, Rules and Regulations, as it is the intention of the present Department Commander to insist upon the immediate compliance of all orders emanating from lawful authority. Camp Adjutants are hereby directed to immediately acknowledge the receipt of all orders received. In future an acknowledgment card will be enclosed with the General Orders. In accordance with Paragraph D, Section 3, Article 6, Part 6, Rules and Regulations, they must also send a copy of each Camp order to both the Adjutant General and Department Adjutant.

*National Encampment*

3. The tenth annual encampment will be held in Buffalo on September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1913.

Special train pursuant to paragraph 10, Department General Order No. 1 C. S. Transportation Aide J. E. J. Clare has arranged with the Erie Railroad for a United Spanish War Veteran Special on Sunday, August 31, 1913, starting at 9.30 A. M. at 23rd Street Ferry. A rate of one and three-fifths has been secured, making the round trip cost \$12.80 plus 25 cents for vising the certificates. All Comrades and their friends are warned to buy only a single ticket to Buffalo and the return ticket is secured for three-fifths of the regular fare. Arrangements are being made to have the entire train crew composed of members of our Organization. A special Circular will be issued giving the exact schedule of the train showing what stations along its route it will stop at. The Department Staff is hereby ordered to arrange to travel on this train. Department Headquarters will be established at Genesee Hotel, Genesee and Main Streets, Buffalo.

*Leave of Absence*

4. **Municipal Employees.**— The following brief copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen is published for the guidance of Comrades employed by the City of New York and who desire to attend the Tenth Annual Encampment at Buffalo.

WHEREAS, The United Spanish War Veterans of the United States will hold its Tenth Annual Encampment at Buffalo, New York, on September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1913, and

WHEREAS, A number of employees of the City of New York, who are members of the United Spanish War Veterans, an organization devoted to the support of the National Government, and to the furtherance of patriotic principles, desire to attend said encampment, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That all employees of the City of New York, who are regularly elected delegates or members of the United Spanish War Veterans, be allowed four days with pay, from September 3 to September 6, 1913, inclusive, provided that in each case satisfactory proof shall be given to the head of the Department that such employee has attended the Tenth Annual National Encampment, which is to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., during the week beginning Wednesday, September 3, 1913.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen May 20, 1913.

Received from his Honor the Mayor June 3, 1913, without his approval or disapproval thereof; therefore, as provided in section 40 of the Greater New York charter, the same took effect as if he had approved it.

**Federal Employees.**— The following members of the Cabinet have advised that leave will be granted the Spanish War Veterans who are employed and may wish to attend the encampment at Buffalo: Attorney-General, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Commerce. The Public Printer has also advised to the same effect. The Secretary of the Treasury states that in his Department, leave of absence will be granted to attend the convention, the time to be charged to the 30 days annual leave provided by law.

5. The following resolutions having been adopted at the Tenth Annual Department Encampment, will be presented to the Tenth Annual National Encampment.

(a) That the office of patriotic instructor be created and the duties now devolving upon the National, Department and Camp Historian be consolidated with the said office.

(b) That the United Spanish War Veterans through National Headquarters invite all patriotic bodies to co-operate for the ultimate holding of an annual patriotic congress, making the basis of representation, five delegates to each national body, and the main purpose being to keep alive the spirit of patriotism in our beloved country by a consistent, general co-operation of all bodies patriotic.

(c) That National Headquarters be requested to use every honorable and legitimate means for the immediate enactment into law of similar legislation to the Crago Bill during the present Congressional session.

(d) That if practicable the annual subscription price of the Spanish War Review be reduced to 20 cents per capita and the paper published in form similar to that of the American Standard.

(e) That an amendment be offered for the Rules and Regulations allowing Department Encampments during the month of July.

(f) That at the request of a majority of the Council of Administration the question of the recall of any elective Department Officers be submitted to the Camps of the Department.

(g) That the candidacy of Comrade W. J. S. Dineen for the office of National Historian be endorsed.

(h) That no Comrade be installed as Commander of a Camp unless he is in possession of a regulation United Spanish War Veteran uniform or uniform of service.

#### *Changes*

6. Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20 has changed its Headquarters to Firemen's Hall, 15 Broad Street, Stapleton, S. I.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp No. 89 now meets first and third Tuesdays at Corrigan's Hall, 561 West 157th Street.

#### *Ohio Flood Contributions*

7. The following contributions from this Department were received by the United Spanish War Veterans Flood Relief Committee of Ohio. The list is furnished by Wm. J. Shroder, Chair-

of Committee, who desires to extend the thanks of the Food Relief Committee of Ohio to those contributing for their generous assistance through which great suffering was relieved:

Comrade Hamilton Ward.....	\$10 00
Comrade Maurice Simmons.....	5 00
Admiral Cook Camp No. 45.....	5 00
Seyburn-Liscum Auxiliary .....	50 00
Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12.....	10 00
E. H. Liscum Camp No. 33.....	1 00
Gen. Stephen Moffett Camp No. 94.....	5 00
H. B. Moore Camp No. 78.....	5 00
Comrades of F. C. Warner Camp No. 52.....	5 00
Capt. Allyn K. Capron Camp No. 60.....	5 00
M. W. Marvin Camp No. 96.....	10 00
Capt. Malcolm A. Rafferty Camp No. 80.....	5 00
Naval Camp No. 49.....	16 25
Thos. H. Barber Camp No. 3.....	10 00
Comrades of Camp No. 3.....	8 00
Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9.....	5 00

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*Maine Monument Fund*

8. The following is a list of contributions to the National Maine Monument Fund from this Department. List furnished by Secretary-Treasurer of the Maine Monument Committee, Comrade E. W. Larkin.

		<i>Camps</i>			
3 .....	\$6 75	22 .....		\$5 00	
4 .....	25 00	27 .....		3 75	
5 .....	25 00	31 .....		5 00	
8 .....	5 10	33 .....		4 00	
9 .....	3 00	36 .....		10 00	
11 .....	11 50	37 .....		10 00	
18 .....	15 00	38 .....		15 00	
20 .....	11 20	39 .....		5 00	
23 .....	10 00	40 .....		5 00	
24 .....	15 00	32 .....		5 00	

42 .....	\$10 00	69 .....	\$5 00
46 .....	25 00	74 .....	3 00
48 .....	13 00	78 .....	5 00
49 .....	27 00	83 .....	2 00
44 .....	10 00	84 .....	10 00
56 .....	2 50	85 .....	5 00
58 .....	10 00	98 .....	10 00
59 .....	25 00	91 .....	100 00
61 .....	5 00	94 .....	14 50
62 .....	10 00	96 .....	4 00
65 .....	11 00		
66 .....	10 00	Total .....	\$517 30
67 .....	5 00		

Comrade Rev. John P. Chidwick .....	\$25 00
Comrade Bernhardt Wall .....	5 00

Total .....	\$547 30
Mr. Au Seibert (Philadelphia Veterans).....	1 00
Total .....	\$548 30

*Auxiliaries*

Department of N. Y. \$71 80	30 .....	\$10 00
5 .....	31 .....	2 00
6 .....	33 .....	2 00
7 .....	35 .....	5 00
3 .....	Mrs. J. and W. S.	
4 .....	Rising .....	2 00
8 .....	Mollie Pitcher Auxil-	
9 .....	iary .....	2 00
15 .....	14th Regiment Auxil-	
16 .....	iary .....	3 00
19 .....	Mrs. Catherine Spol-	
21 .....	ders .....	5 00
22 .....		
26 .....	Total.....	\$146 60
28 .....		

*Information Wanted*

9. Comrades who served or know of any person or Comrade who served with any of the following will kindly communicate with the Comrade requesting the information. Inasmuch as this information is desired for the purpose of establishing pension claims, Camp Commanders should endeavor to bring the matter up at Camp Meetings.

Wm. P. Lind, late musician 1st U. S. Volunteer Engineers. Comrade desiring the information, John A. Miller, 327 Washington St., Jamaica, L. I.

Edward J. Harnett, private in Co. "M" 9th New York Volunteers during the period of July 8, 1898 to November 15, 1898. Comrade desiring the information, Wm. J. S. Dineen, 25 Oak St., Brooklyn Hills, L. I.

Peter Bellusch, musician 12th N. Y. Volunteers during the years 1898-1899. Comrade desiring the information, P. J. O'Brien, 18 West 100th St., New York City.

Henry B. Landholt, late of Co. "I" 28th U. S. Volunteers, served in the Philippines. Comrade desiring the information, Patrick J. Crean, 76 Brace St., Newark, N. J.

Thomas W. Timpson, late Capt. Co. "M" 9th New York Volunteer Infantry. Comrade desiring the information, Department Adjutant William Jones, 4380 Carpenter Avenue.

*Miscellaneous Functions*

10. Defendam Camp No. 36 announces that Eugene L. Lezinsky, a patriot member of that Camp will journey from far away California for the purpose of presenting the Camp with a fine silk National flag at its meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, September 9, 1913 (California Day), at the Armory, West 168th St. and Ft. Washington avenue, New York City. They will be pleased to welcome visiting Comrades.

Thos. H. Barber Camp No. 3 Binghamton, announces that their annual picnic will be held Saturday, August 16th, at O'Neil park. Among the features of the annual outing will be a basket ball game between the married and single Comrades of the Organization. Athletic contests, etc. Visiting Comrades will be welcome.

*Taps*

11. Comrade Wm. F. Carroll, Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, late Private Battery E. 3rd U. S. Artillery, died May 13, 1913.

Comrade Daniel J. Moore, Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, late Sergeant Co. "F" 1st D. C. Volunteers; Comrade Chas. Moldenbaur, Manhattan Camp No. 1, late Coxswain U. S. S. Buffalo, died June 21, 1913.

Comrade Edward M. Finlan, Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp No. 6, late Private 2nd Regiment; Comrade Wm. Carruthers, Henry J. Reilly Camp No. 34, late Corporal Ordinance Dept., U. S. A., died May 25, 1913.

Comrade Charles Johnson, Henry J. Reilly Camp No. 34, late Seaman U. S. S. Alabama, died July 26, 1913.

The sympathy of these Headquarters is extended to the families of the deceased and to the Camps to which they were lately attached.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WM. JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

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BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR  
VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY, *September 8, 1913.*

General Orders No. 3

Series 1913-1914

*Aides-de-Camp*

1. The following appointments are hereby announced on the staff of the Department Commander:

1	J. J. Kennedy.	12	John H. Brewster.
5	Wm. J. Finn.	14	Alfred Volkers.
8	Raymond G. Hyer.	15	Charles L. Senft.

19	Frederick Woodhull.	49	John A. Perrine.
20	Ernest W. Redeke.	53	Geo. Frondel.
25	Harry Van Tassell.	58	Chas. E. Van Pelt.
27	Arthur E. Chambers.	59	Michael J. Leary.
28	W. E. Walker.	62	Herbert Anderson.
29	James A. McCafferty.	66	Andrew T. Nord.
31	Irving Coon.	69	Fred M. D. Preshier.
36	Wm. F. Leuper.	73	Geo. W. Preese.
37	Wm. Bersma.	80	Louis G. Wheeler.
38	Peter J. O'Brien.	82	Wm. L. Pollock.
39	Robt. Aiken, Jr.	90	Irving W. Hayford.
44	Alfred C. O'Dell.	93	Arthur E. G. Fuller.

Aides-de-Camp will immediately signify their acceptance of the appointment by notifying Headquarters. Failure to do so within ten days after the receipt of this order will be deemed a declination of the office. Unless the Commanders of Camps not included in the above, immediately forward the name of a Comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp, the Department Commander will fill the vacancy existing in the Camp.

#### *General Orders*

2. Paragraph 2, General Order No. 2, C. S., reads in part: "In future an acknowledgment card will be enclosed with General Orders." Several Camp Adjutants apparently did not read that paragraph as no acknowledgment of the receipt of General Orders has been received at these headquarters. Camp Commanders will be held responsible if this acknowledgment is not made, as these Headquarters has no other means of ascertaining if General Orders have been received. It would also be appreciated if a note was made as to the condition of General Orders when received.

#### *National Encampment*

3. At the 10th National Encampment held at Buffalo on September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1913, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Commander-in-Chief, John Lewis Smith, Washington, D. C.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edgar R. Barker, Rhode Island.



Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Benj. F. Atkinson, Ohio.

Deputy Commanders-in-Chief, George A. Seyde, Chas. O'Donnell, W. W. Dayton.

Surgeon-General, F. W. Veninga, Missouri.

Chaplain-in-Chief, J. Madison Hare, New Jersey.

National Historian, W. J. S. Dineen, New York.

Approximately 175 Comrades were present from different parts of New York State in addition to the local Camps.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the continuance of the Spanish War Review. The subscription price has been reduced to 20 cents per year. Commencing January 1, 1914, in lieu of a separate Review Tax, the National Per Capita Tax will be 45 cents per year.

Considerable changes have been made in the Rules and Regulations chief among which is a revision of the code of discipline.

An amendment to the Rules and Regulations now permits Camps to confer honorary membership on any veteran who bore arms for the United States in any war in which the United States was engaged. It is hoped the Camps of this Department will avail themselves of this opportunity and muster into their Camps Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. All honor and glory to them. They have helped us in many ways and the opportunity is now presented to repay them and honor ourselves by making the members of the local Post honorary members of our organization.

The next National Encampment will be held in Louisville, Ky.

The Department Commander desires at this time to express his appreciation for the loyalty shown to him by the delegates of this Department in supporting all resolutions adopted at the 10th Annual Department Encampment.

### *Membership Report*

4. The following is a report of the membership of this Department for the term ending June 30, 1913; all Camps having submitted complete reports except Camps Nos. 34, 47, 65, 82, 95 and 97.

Number in good standing December 31, 1912. . . . . 5,374

*Gain*

Muster in .....	493	
Transfer .....	41	
Reinstated .....	200	
		734
		<hr/>
Total .....		6,108

*Loss During Term*

By death .....	34	
Honorable discharge .....	24	
Transfer .....	51	
Suspension .....	343	
		452
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Total in good standing June 30, 1913.....		5,656
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Gain for the term ending June 30: 282.

From the foregoing it is evident that the Order is not making the progress it should. What is your Camp doing toward increasing its membership? What action is your Camp taking to prevent Comrades from becoming delinquent? Inactive officers not only stagnate a Camp, but eventually cause its suspension. Do not tolerate any officer who does not attend to his duties. Bring the matter up at your next Camp meeting and find out what is being done in recruiting. Growth is an index of strength. The highway to the permanence of your Camp and the Organization lies in recruiting. See to it that your Camp does its share.

*Legislation*

5. With the coming of the legislative session, these Headquarters intend taking up questions of legislation of the greatest interest of the Organization. In order that the Committee may be in a position to systematically carry on its work, Camp Commanders are directed to forward to the Department Adjutant without delay, the name of one or two comrades who can be depended upon to act when the occasion demands.

*Changes*

6. In G. O. No. 2 C. S. under the Ohio Flood contribution Camp No. 96 should read, "Capt. M. W. Marvin Camp No. 96."

Maine Monument Fund Camp No. 98 should read "Camp No. 89, \$10.00."

Adjutant Gloucester Camp No. 5, H. O. Hutchings, 7423 New Utrecht avenue, Brooklyn; Vice, James Long.

Adjutant Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, A. R. P. Rich, 11 Water street, Newburgh; Vice, David Brown.

Commander John S. Adair, Camp No. 1, address now, 726 Amsterdam avenue, New York City.

Adjutant Jules M. Quarberg, Camp No. 1, address now, 628 East 138th street, New York City.

Adjutant James W. Adlard, Camp No. 31, address now, 128 West 117th street, New York City.

Adjutant Charles S. Stanley, Camp No. 62, 437 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant Henry M. Saulpaugh, Camp No. 71, address now, 31 Eighth street, Hudson, N. Y.

Adjutant Martin Dahl, Camp No. 73, address now, 378 93d street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant Thomas Barnes, Camp No. 89, address now, 539 West 156th street, New York City.

Quartermaster Frank E. McNally, Camp No. 89, address now, 539 West 156th street, New York City.

Quartermaster Neptune Naval Camp No. 30, Alexander J. Smith, 592 East Third street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Vice, John Conway.

*Supplies*

7. Despite frequently repeated instructions that requisitions for supplies must be sent ONLY to the Department Adjutant, it is noted that some Camps are still ordering supplies from the Adjutant General. This entails labor and expense, as requisitions are returned to Department Headquarters in each instance.

Requisitions from individual members cannot be honored. They must be sent through the Camp of which the Comrade is a member.

*Maine Monument Fund*

8. The following list of subscribers is hereby added to Par. 8, G. O. No. 2, C. S.:

Gen. Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 21.....	\$10 90
Naval Camp No. 49.....	2 50
Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2.....	6 50

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*Taps*

9. Thomas Moran, late member of Co. "I," 7th U. S. Infantry, died suddenly on July 22, 1913, at Ossining, N. Y. Nothing was known of him except his being a Spanish War Veteran. The Commander of Thomas Fitzgerald Camp No. 79, located at White Plains, took charge of the body, which was buried with full military honors. A delegation of Thomas Fitzgerald Camp and the Comrades of the local Posts of the G. A. R. participated. These Headquarters desire to express its appreciation of the splendid comradeship shown by the Comrades of Fitzgerald Camp and the G. A. R. on that occasion.

Comrade Otto Broughton, Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, late musician 13th U. S. Infantry, died August 8, 1913, was buried August 11, 1913, at Elmira, N. Y., with full military honors.

Comrade Henry J. Ammon, Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73, late private Co. "F," 71st N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, died June 29, 1913.

Comrade Fred. Miller, Admiral Cook Camp No. 69, late member U. S. Marine Corps, was accidentally killed by a railroad train at Iona Island, N. Y., on August 19, 1913, buried with full military honors at Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, on August 22d, by Major General Elliott Camp No. 84.

The sympathy of these Headquarters is extended to the families of the deceased and to the Camp to which they were lately attached.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WM. JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

## BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY, *October 1, 1913*

General Orders No. 4

Series 1913-1914

### *Appointments*

1. The following are hereby appointed as District Inspectors:  
Past Department Commander Wm. J. Cunningham, Camp  
No. 2.

Department Adjutant Wm. Jones, Camp No. 59.

Department Marshal Wm. Gilbert, Camp No. 25.

Department Historian Patrick Guilfoyle, Camp No. 86.

Commander	Camp	Commander	Camp
Thomas J. Burke.....	2	A. K. Roberts.....	3
Wm. E. White.....	4	George H. Markham....	12
C. C. Locke.....	7	J. E. J. Clare.....	19
Jos. Brecker .....	15	Walter J. Anderson.....	21
John W. Metzger.....	17	John M. Niemeyer.....	29
Jos. Lewis .....	23	John D. Driscoll.....	40
Fred A. McCarty.....	27	Ernest W. Larkin.....	48
Clarence E. Clark.....	28	H. Voight, Jr.....	51
Wm. E. Whiting.....	46	Fred. W. Dunson.....	58
Alfred J. Tooker.....	67	Herbert C. Perkins.....	60
Claude Dowd .....	72	Charles Gustavus .....	62
Abram V. Burton.....	78	Alfred Halliday .....	66
John Simpson .....	83	B. F. Fogg.....	84
Alfred W. Bennett.....	90	Frank M. Lawless.....	91
Patrick F. Harney.....	1		

The above will immediately report in writing to the Department Inspector, I. Joel, 237 North High Street, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., for assignment to Districts.

Comrade John Temme, Camp No. 8, is hereby appointed Department Musician, same to take effect September 1, 1913.

*Aides-de-Camp*

2. The following additional appointments are hereby announced on the staff of the Department Commander:

Camp No. 4, Past Commander Chas. L. Amey.

Camp No. 9, Adjutant Howard McOmber.

Camp No. 21, Comrade Julius Staal.

Camp No. 67, Comrade James E. Reynolds.

Camp No. 91, Comrade Thomas F. Dawkins.

Camp No. 30, Quartermaster Alexander Smith.

The above will immediately signify their acceptance of the appointment by notifying Headquarters.

*General Orders*

3. In compliance with Paragraph D, Section 2, Article 6, Part 6, Rules and regulations, the following Paragraph (No. 15) is hereby added to General Order No. 1, C. S.:

There were issued in Volume 10, Series 1912-1913, 12 General Orders.

*Card Index*

4. During the coming month, Camp Adjutants will receive the index cards forwarded to Headquarters during the past administrations with a sufficient number of blank forms to bring the cards up to date. Headquarters appreciates the work that will be necessary to go through the Camp records to make the index complete, but it will be nothing compared to the labor necessary to duplicate all the cards and file them away in their proper order. It is therefore hoped that each Camp Adjutant will cheerfully render his assistance to complete and perfect this card index. The necessity of it is apparent as during the past month three different Camps filed a complaint that Comrades dropped by their Camps had joined others. Were this index system complete this could not have happened.

*G. A. R.*

5. It is pleasing to announce that under the amended Rules and Regulations, Camps have started to muster in as Honorary Members, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

L. Bordman Smith Camp No. 25, at its meeting on October 24, will muster in Colonel Samuel C. Pierce, Department Commander of the G. A. R., Colonel Henry S. Redman, Adjutant General G. A. R., and several of the staff of the Department Commander. It is hoped that other Camps will follow.

#### *Department Encampment*

6. Agreeable to a resolution adopted by the Council of Administration the 11th Annual Department Encampment and Reunion will be held on July 6, 7 and 8, 1914.

#### *Adjutants' Meeting*

7. A meeting of Camp Adjutants is hereby called for Friday evening October 17, 1913, at 8 P. M., Department Headquarters, 166th Street and Franklin Avenue. It is hoped that every Adjutant within reasonable distance will attend as matters of importance are to be discussed.

#### *Semi-Annual Report*

8. Since the issuing of General Order No. 3, Camps Nos. 47 and 65 have forwarded reports and tax due and are now in good standing. The following Camps are still delinquent: 34, 75, 95 and 97. Headquarters has done all in its power to have these Camps submit reports and pay their per capita tax. The Department Commander in compliance with Section 1, Article 12, Part 2, Rules and Regulations, will therefore recommend the suspension of the above Camps.

#### *Correspondence*

9. The negligence of Camp officers in the matter of answering official communications is increasing instead of decreasing. There is on file at Headquarters a complete record of all correspondence which is to be submitted to the 11th Annual Encampment. Will your lack of interest in your Camp compel it to be said that you ignored communications from Department Headquarters?

### *Supplies*

Headquarters is continually being asked for information regarding the book of ceremonies. They have not as yet been received from National Headquarters. Just as soon as they are, all requisitions will be filled.

### *Information*

11. Comrades who served with or who know of any person or Comrade who served with the following will please communicate with the Comrade requesting the information. As this information is desired for the purpose of establishing pensions claims, Camp Commanders should bring the matter up at Camp Meetings.

Wm. W. Heisinger, who served in Co. I, 6th U. S. Infantry, from January 27, 1899, to January 27, 1902. Comrade desiring the information, Adjutant Fred. W. Dunson, Saratoga Camp No. 58, care Post Office, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Any Comrade knowing the whereabouts of W. Thomas Berkery will forward his address to the Department Adjutant.

### *Miscellaneous Functions*

12. This paragraph is devoted to coming social events which Comrades should endeavor to attend. By so doing you will not only be financially assisting the Camp holding the event, but by the interchange of visits, strengthen the bonds of Comradeship.

Tuesday, October 21, 1913, at 8 P. M., Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 91, will give a banquet at Terrace Garden, 58th Street, near Lexington Avenue, New York City. On this occasion a Maine Memorial Tablet will be unveiled with appropriate ceremonies. Further information can be obtained from Comrade Thomas F. Dawkins, 1022 Ogden Avenue, New York City.

Saturday evening October 18, 1913, Old Guard Camp will unveil a Maine Memorial Tablet at its regular meeting in the 22nd Regiment Armory, 166th Street near Broadway. They extend a cordial invitation to all Comrades to attend. Immediately after the meeting refreshments will be served.

Thursday evening October 23, 1913, the annual Entertainment and Reception of Manhattan Camp No. 1 will be held at Palm Garden, 58th Street near Lexington Avenue, the feature of the



entertainment being a minstrel show to be given by the Comrades of the Camp.

On Tuesday evening October 28, 1913, Wm. R. Carmer Camp No. 8 will hold its annual reception and ball in the State Armory, Mt. Vernon, New York. The Camp promises all who attend that it will uphold its well known reputation for hospitality.

Saturday evening November 8, 1913, Naval Camp No. 49 will hold its annual Military and Civic Ball at Imperial Hall, Fulton Street and Red Hook Lane, Brooklyn. Visiting Comrades will be accorded a "Naval" welcome.

Saturday evening November 8, 1913, at 8:15 o'clock, Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10 will hold its annual Entertainment and Reception at Burland's Casino, Westchester and Prospect Avenues, Borough of Bronx, New York City. They have planned to make the entertainment part the most successful ever held in the history of the Camp. The features of which will be a vocal concert by the Franz Shubert Mannerchor consisting of 100 voices under the leadership of Carl Heim, music for the occasion being furnished by the Interborough Subway Band, consisting of fifty pieces.

Saturday evening November 15, 1913, 14th Regiment Camp will hold a Euchre and Reception at the 14th Regiment Armory, 8th Avenue and 15th Street, Brooklyn. They announce valuable prizes for players. After the Euchre there will be dancing.

Saturday evening December 6, 1913, David Wilson Camp No. 59 will hold its annual Reception and Ball at McKinley Square Casino, 169th Street near Boston Road, Borough of Bronx. The Camp announces several surprises for the evening and assures all attending a good time.

### *Taps*

13. Commander Frank H. Gumry, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, late Quartermaster Co. A, 9th U. S. Infantry, died August 15, 1913, and was buried with full military honors in Forest Lawn Cemetery on August 18, 1913. Comrade Gumry served in Cuba, Philippines and Boxer Expedition and was an active worker in the United Spanish War Veterans.

Comrade John F. McGraw, Defendam Camp No. 36, late Drum Major 22nd Regiment, N. G. N. Y., served during 1898

in the 47th New York Volunteer Infantry, died June 7, 1913. Buried with full military honors, Woodlawn Cemetery, June 11, 1913.

The sympathy of Headquarters is extended to the families of the deceased and to the Camps to which they were lately attached.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WM. JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

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VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY, *November 1, 1913.*

General Orders No. 5

Series 1913-1914

*Appointments*

1. The following appointments as Aides-de-Camp are hereby announced:

Camp No. 2, Comrade John J. Corcoran.

Camp No. 3, Comrade Frank W. Wood.

Camp No. 11, Comrade Garrett V. Johnson.

Camp No. 22, Comrade John Malone.

Camp No. 60, Comrade Louis J. Chesner.

Camp No. 78, Comrade Adolph Hallas.

Camp No. 79, Comrade John H. Kenney.

Camp No. 96, Comrade Arthur E. Oothoudt.

These Comrades will immediately signify their acceptance by notifying Headquarters.

Camp Commanders who have failed to recommend an appointment are hereby advised that if same is not made prior to November 20th the Department Commander will proceed to fill the vacancy.

The following Legislative Committee is hereby appointed:

Department Judge Advocate Calvin S. McChesney, Camp No. 2, Chairman.

Asst. Department Adjutant John S. Strachen, Camp No. 11, Secretary.

Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas J. Lynch, Camp No. 36.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward, Camp No. 12.

Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons, Camp No. 19.

Past Dept. Commander C. A. Simmons, Camp No. 25.

Past Dept. Commander Frank Keck, Camp No. 53.

Past Dept. Commander Wm. J. Cunningham, Camp No. 2.

Past Dept. Commander Bernhardt Wall, Camp No. 1.

Past Dept. Commander Chauncey W. Herrick, Camp No. 42.

Dept. Senior Vice Com'r O. E. Iler, Camp No. 44.

Dept. Junior Vice Com'r Thomas S. Scott, Camp No. 3.

Dept. Chief of Staff, Alfred J. Kennedy, Camp No. 29.

Dept. Adjutant Wm. Jones, Camp No. 59.

Comrade Thomas Kerr, Camp No. 93.

Comrade Bart Hunt, Camp No. 92.

The following auditing committee is hereby appointed:

Comrade Oscar F. Berger, Camp No. 10, Chairman.

Senior Vice Com'r Gerald J. O'Keefe, Camp No. 93.

Quartermaster John Daly, Camp No. 5.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the 10th Department Encampment the following committee is hereby appointed to draw up a suitable form for the preliminary inspection of Camps in this Department:

Department Senior Vice Comander O. E. Iler, Chairman.

Department Adjutant Wm. Jones.

Department Inspector Isacc Joel.

### *Commander's Night*

2. On Friday evening, November 28, 1913, a meeting of Camp Commanders will be called at Department Headquarters for the purpose of discussing matters of interest to the Organization. As the term of the present Commanders is nearly over, the Department Commander feels the experience gained by them will be of great benefit to the Organization and earnestly requests the attendance of all who can attend.

*Annual Elections*

3. As provided in section 4, article 8, Part 5, Rules and Regulations, the elective officers of Camps shall be chosen at the first stated meeting in December. This is the one meeting which every Comrade should attend. Upon the election of officers depends the future of a Camp. Forget all personal grievances and get together so that the best in the Camp may be selected to lead you for the year. Forget that Comrade so and so is a good fellow and you would like to see him Commander, although you know he has not got the ability to serve you as your Commander. Remember that the Commandership of a Camp is not an empty honor, but one that the holder devote his year of office to the interest of our Organization. Commanders-elect will immediately forward to Headquarters the name and address of a Comrade, of or above the rank of Past Commander to serve as installing officer.

*Relief*

4. It has been brought to the attention of Headquarters that a person by the name of Silk or Silks, claiming to be a member of Barber Camp, No. 3, of this Department, is soliciting aid from different Camps throughout the Department. This man is not a member of the Organization, and any Comrade to whom he may apply for assistance is not only urged to refuse it, but requested to cause his arrest. Section 674-A, Chapter 508, Laws of this State, makes it a misdemeanor for any person who wilfully wears the badge or button of the United Spanish War Veterans to obtain aid or assistance unless entitled to wear the same. This abuse of obtaining relief under false pretences must stop. Barber Camp requests that no assistance be given to any member of that Camp until the Commander has been communicated with.

*Department Encampment*

5. General E. J. Griffin Camp of Schenectady announces that the plans are well under way to make the 11th Annual Encampment the most successful in the history of the Department. Camps should follow and start to make the attendance the largest of any ever held. Why not organize Convention Clubs at once, so that when the date arrives the Comrades will be financially prepared?

*Communications*

6. Comrades writing to Headquarters are advised to be careful and see that the proper amount of postage is provided. During the day there is nobody at Headquarters to receive mail and if any charges are due it often results in a delay.

*Ticket Selling*

7. The matter of Comrades visiting Camps and public functions for the purpose of selling tickets has to a great extent become such a nuisance that Headquarters deems it advisable that this practice should be stopped unless the Comrade has first received permission from the Camp Commander or the Committee in charge.

At a recent visit by the Department Commander to a public function given by one of the Camps in New York City a visiting Comrade became so persistent in the matter of selling tickets that the Department Commander found it necessary to speak to the Committee in charge, asking them to have it stopped. Headquarters can see no fault in a Comrade attempting to sell a ticket to another Comrade with whom he is personally acquainted, but to go to a strange Comrade and persist in him purchasing a ticket, is certainly not to the better interest of the Organization.

*Changes*

8. Camp No. 48 now meets second and fourth Saturday each month, Room 2, Borough Hall.

Adjutant Camp No. 86, Le Roy E. Sitterby, 116 E. Castle street, Syracuse, Vice Chas. Startup, resigned.

Camp No. 68 now meets third Tuesday each month, Centennial Hall, Main street, Port Chester.

Camp No. 62 now meets last Saturday each month at 217 Court street, Brooklyn.

Camp No. 24 now meets third Friday each month in the First F. A. Armory, 56 W. 66th street.

New address Commander Jos. A. Donnelly, Camp No. 21, 205 Moffat street, Brooklyn.

The following is the list of officers of Anderson Camp No. 26: Commander Daniel J. O'Mara, 18 E. 6th street, Oswego.

Adjutant Roger T. Sherman, Ft. Ontario, Oswego.

Quartermaster Frank J. Gill, 79 Ontario street, Oswego.

John F. McGraw under Taps G. O. No. 4 C. S. should read: "4th N. J. Vol. Inf." in lieu of "47th N. Y. Vol. Inf."

#### *Maine Fund*

9. The following is hereby added to Paragraph No. 8, G. O. No. 2, C. S. Old Guard Camp No. 19, \$52.25.

#### *Functions*

10. This paragraph is devoted to coming social events which Comrades should endeavor to attend. By doing so you will not only be financially assisting the Camp holding the event, but by the interchange of visits, strengthen the bonds of Comradeship.

Old Guard Camp No. 19 will hold a "Booster" night at its meeting on Saturday evening, November 15, 1913, in the 22d Regiment Armory.

Thomas H. Fitzgerald Camp No. 79 will hold its annual reception on Friday evening, November 21st, at White Plains Club, Martine avenue and Court street, White Plains. Refreshments will be served. The proceeds will be used for the care and decorations of Spanish War Veterans' graves.

Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46 will hold its annual Reception and Ball on Saturday evening, November 22, 1913, at the Plaza Assembly Rooms, 110-112 East 59th street, New York City. Military guests are requested to appear in uniform.

Wm. McKinley Camp No. 62 will hold a Euchre and Dance Wednesday evening, November 26, 1913, at Prospect Hall, Prospect avenue, Brooklyn. In addition to the prizes for players there will be valuable prizes for non-players. During the dance an entertainment will be given by the famous St. Paul Lyceum Entertainers.

Gen. Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 21, will hold its annual Barn Dance on Wednesday evening, November 26, 1913, at Empire Hall, Ten Eyck and Lorimer streets, Brooklyn. A prize will be presented to the lady and gentleman wearing the most comical costume.

David Wilson Camp No. 59, will hold its annual reception and military ball on Saturday evening, December 6, 1913, at McKinley Square Casino, 169th street, near Boston road. Military guests are requested to appear in uniform.

*Taps*

11. Comrade George N. Hays, Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, late private Co. "H," 71st Regiment, N. Y. V., died July 22, 1913. Buried with full military honors in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Flushing, L. I.

Comrade Barney Duffy, Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73, late 1st Sergeant, 14th Company Coast Artillery, died July 6, 1913. Buried July 18, 1913, Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

George W. Krosky, late private Co. "I," 8th N. Y. V. Infantry, although not a member of any Camp, was buried with full military honors by Captain Malcolm A. Rafferty Camp No. 80, on Sunday, October 26, 1913.

The sympathy of Headquarters is extended to the families of the deceased and to the Camps to which they were lately attached.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WM. JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

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BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR  
VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY, *December 1, 1913.*

**General Orders No. 6**

Series 1913-1914

*Appointments*

1. The following appointments as Aides-de-Camp are hereby announced:

Camp No. 23. Commander Joseph Lewis.

Camp No. 43. Comrade Chas. P. Schinn.

Camp No. 46. Comrade M. J. Shortell.

Camp No. 68. Comrade Wm. A. Darcey.

Camp No. 85. Quartermaster Andrew Rheude.

These Comrades will immediately signify their acceptance by notifying Headquarters.

### *Semi-Annual Reports*

2. The semi-annual reports of Camp Adjutants and Quartermasters for the term ending December 31, 1913, should be forwarded to Headquarters as soon as practicable. In making out the reports care should be taken to adhere strictly to the prescribed forms. Any information required will be cheerfully given by Headquarters. Retiring Adjutants and Quartermasters should give these reports their immediate attention.

### *Per Capita Tax*

3. The National per capita tax at 22½ cents and the Department tax at 12½ cents on each Comrade in good standing is due January 1, 1914, and should accompany the semi-annual reports. Under no consideration should any per capita tax be forwarded direct to National Headquarters. Any moneys made payable other than to "the Department Adjutant, Department of New York, U. S. W. V.," will be returned.

### *Installation*

4. In accordance with section 9, article 8, part 5, Rules and Regulations, officers elect, together with appointive officers of Camps must be installed at the first stated meeting in January. Commanders elect will immediately forward to Headquarters, the name of a Comrade of or above the grade of Commander, or any past officer of or above the grade of Past Commander, to act as installing officer. Before forwarding the name of the Comrade selected, he should be communicated with for the purpose of ascertaining if he will accept the detail. If any Camp fails to send in its selection for installing officer by December 29, 1913, the Department Commander will detail a Comrade and under no circumstances will any change be made. The officers of any Camp which fails to forward its semi-annual reports or pay its per capita tax or bond its Quartermaster, will not be installed.



*Department Roster*

5. In order that the Department Roster for the year 1914 may be published as early as possible, Commanders should see to it that the form giving the names of newly elected and appointed officers is immediately forwarded to Headquarters. A footnote should also be made as to the place of meeting and on what nights the Camp meets.

*Camp Roster*

6. Camps which have not forwarded to Headquarters a Roster of all Comrades in good standing, are requested to do so at once so that Headquarters will be in a position to communicate direct with each Comrade in the Department in case of necessity.

*Review*

7. Camp Adjutants are hereby instructed to forward direct to the Adjutant General, G. E. Rauch, Southern Building, Washington, D. C., all matters pertaining to the Review other than articles for publication which must be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General and forwarded through these Headquarters. Any recruit mustered in after the semi-annual reports have been forwarded is entitled to receive the Review. Camp Adjutants should forward the name and address immediately after muster in.

*Card Index*

8. Headquarters is gratified at the response made to Paragraph 4, General Order No. 4, C. S. The following Camps have complied with the Order: 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 36, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53, 56, 58, 59, 61, 67, 69, 71, 72, 79, 80, 83, 85, 86, 87, 89, 91, 92, 93, 96, 98, 17, 19. Camps not having forwarded the index are requested to do so immediately so as to enable Headquarters to complete the system by January 1, 1914. After that date all Camps are hereby directed to forward to Headquarters for approval all applications for membership. This should be done before the muster in of the recruit.

### *Recruiting*

9. On October 29, 1913, the Department Commander together with the Chief of Staff Comrade Alfred J. Kennedy and members of the staff visited M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy, at its reunion and dinner. Twenty applications were received for membership at that meeting.

On November 15, 1913, the Department Commander and staff visited Old Guard Camp No. 19, which was holding a "Booster" night, and had the pleasure of witnessing twelve recruits being mustered in.

On November 21, 1913, the Department Commander and staff visited Col. H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24, which held a smoker and reunion for Camp members and eligibles. Several applications for membership were received at this meeting.

The Department Commander is very much gratified with the recruiting now in progress in the Department and trusts that this will continue. He will be pleased to visit any Camp to encourage recruiting, but must have sufficient notice to enable him to make necessary arrangements.

### *Changes*

10. Ajutant Frank A. Williams, Camp No. 3, address now 115 Beethoven St., Binghamton, N. Y.

Camp No. 86 now meets first and third Tuesday each month L. O. O. M. Lodge Room, 461 Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y.

### *Information Wanted*

11. Comrades who served with Comrade James H. Lacey on the U. S. S. "Wasp" during the Spanish War are requested to communicate with his wife, Celestine Lacey, No. 258 West 125th St., New York City, care Humphrey.

Edward E. Wilson, a member of Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, formerly of Troop I, First U. S. Cavalry, desires to hear from Comrades who served with him, address 1471 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn.

Comrades who served with John Putnam in Co. "B," First W. Va. Volunteers, are requested to communicate with his sister, Mrs. Chas. B. Young, 60 Sattler St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Any Comrade who served during the Spanish War with a man named Dunphy is requested to communicate with the Department Commander.

### *Greeting*

12. Headquarters desires to extend to every Comrade in this Department its sincerest wishes for a Christmas overflowing with happiness and joy, and a New Year unprecedented in an abundance of the good things of life. To you collectively, as Camps and individuals, may prosperity and good cheer abound. Here is a hearty "hand-clasp over the miles" while we look forward with enthusiasm to another year of things attempted and things accomplished. Let us keep alive throughout the year the spirit of Comradeship which is so much enhanced at this season, and hope that through the years to come, the Comrades will be bound more and more closely together under the banner of Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity.

### *Miscellaneous Functions*

13. This paragraph is devoted to coming social events which Comrades should endeavor to attend. By doing so you will not only be financially assisting the Camp holding the event, but by the interchange of visits, strengthen the bonds of Comradeship.

On Friday evening, December 12, 1913, Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78 will hold a minstrel show in Columbus Hall, Newburgh. The Camp will appreciate the presence of all Comrades located in that vicinity.

Col. John G. Butler Camp No. 86 will hold its annual military and civic ball during the month of December, date not set.

On Friday evening, December 19, 1913, New York City Camp No. 23, and Anite Newcomb McGee Auxiliary No. 34 will hold a euchre and reception at the Ellsmere, 80-82 West 126th St., New York City.

### *Taps*

14. Comrade George J. Major, L. B. Smith Camp No. 25, late Sergeant Troop L, 8th U. S. Cavalry, killed November 1, 1913, buried with full military honors in Riverside cemetery, Rochester, N. Y.

Comrade David Hubbard Clendening, Bucky O'Neill Camp No. 15, late Corporal Co. "B," 65th N. Y. Vol. Infantry, died November 4, 1913, buried with full military honors in Forest Lawn cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y., November 7, 1913.

Comrade Frank J. Sawner, Col. J. G. Butler Camp No. 86, late Private Co. "F," 9th U. S. Infantry, died suddenly July 28, 1913, buried with full military honors in Clinton cemetery, Clinton, N. Y., August 1, 1913.

Comrade Harry Wells, Major General R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, late Private 1st Washington Vol. Infantry, died November 14, 1913, buried with full military honors in Holy Cross cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y., November 18, 1913.

Comrade Christopher J. Axtman, David Wilson Camp No. 59, late Sergeant Co. "H," 14th N. Y. Vol. Infantry and 16th Battery, Field Artillery, killed November 6, 1913, buried with full military honors in Calvary cemetery, Sunday, November 9, 1913.

Comrade W. W. Grogan, Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, late Musician Co. "L," 1st N. Y. Vol. Infantry, buried with full military honors.

John Snaigg, late First Sergeant (retired) 23rd U. S. Infantry, died suddenly November 7, 1913, buried with full military honors at St. Agnes' cemetery, Syracuse, November 10, 1913, by Col. John G. Butler Camp No. 86, of which Camp he was about to become a member.

Comrade B. Zaldo, 12th N. Y. Vol. Infantry, 5th U. S. Cavalry and Porto Rican Prov. Battalion, although not a member of any Camp, was buried with full military honors by David Wilson Camp No. 59, St. Michael's cemetery, L. I., November 21, 1913.

The sympathy of Headquarters is extended to the families of the deceased and to the Camps to which they were lately attached.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WM. JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR  
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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY, *January 2, 1914.*

General Orders No. 7

Series 1913-1914

*Appointment*

1. Comrade Joseph Stenger, Camp No. 72, is hereby appointed as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

*Installations*

2. The following are hereby detailed as installing officers.
  1. Past Commander John E. J. Clare.
  2. Department Judge Advocate Calvin S. McChesney.
  3. Past Commander Frank W. Wood.
  4. Past Department Commander H. S. Saunders.
  5. Past Commander John Fitzgerald.
  7. Past Commander Frank C. De Veaux.
  8. Department Adjutant Wm. Jones.
  9. Past Commander P. H. Haselton.
  10. Department Commander Ralph H. Parker.
  11. Past Commander Wm. J. Cunningham.
  12. Department Senior Vice-Commander O. E. Iler.
  14. National Aide-de-Camp Chas. S. Bielman.
  16. Past Commander Benjamin Fogg.
  17. Past Commander Alfred F. Kuhn.
  19. Past Commander E. W. Larkin.
  20. Past Commander John T. Oates.
  21. Past Commander E. W. Larkin.
  22. Past Commander Peter E. J. Lauby.
  23. Department Commander Ralph H. Parker.
  26. Past Commander Clarence S. Martin.
  27. Department Commander Ralph H. Parker.
  28. Past Commander John H. Ehmann.
  30. Past Commander Wm. J. Keating.

31. Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons.
33. Past Commander S. J. Winslow.
34. Past Commander Benjamin Fogg.
36. Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas Lynch.
37. Department Adjutant Wm. Jones.
38. National Aide-de-Camp P. F. Harney.
40. Department Surgeon Frank W. Ross.
42. Past Department Commander C. W. Herrick.
43. Past Commander M. D. Russell.
44. Department Commander Ralph H. Parker.
46. Department Adjutant Wm. Jones.
48. Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons.
49. Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons.
51. Past Commander Harry B. Field.
58. Past Commander G. V. Johnson.
59. Department Senior Vice-Commander O. E. Iler.
60. Past Commander Copeland E. Smith.
61. Commander Alfred J. Tooker.
62. Past Commander John Fitzgerald.
65. Commander John S. Adair.
66. Department Commander Ralph H. Parker.
67. Past Commander John M. Niemeyer.
69. Department Commander Ralph H. Parker.
72. Past Commander Frank Luckner.
73. Past Commander E. W. Keithly.
79. Department Commander Ralph H. Parker.
80. Department Chief of Staff Alfred J. Kennedy.
83. National Aide-de-Camp C. Beilman.
84. Commander D. Arundell.
85. Past Commander E. W. Larkin.
86. Department Historian P. Guilfoyle.
87. Department Commander Ralph H. Parker.
90. Past Commander Fred W. Dunson.
91. Past Commander John E. J. Clare.
92. National Aide-de-Camp John S. Long.
93. Department Commander Ralph H. Parker.
94. Past Commander Neil Lucia, Jr.
96. Past Commander Robert P. Hill.
98. Department Chief of Staff Alfred J. Kennedy.

*Patriotic Instructor*

3. Camp Commanders are hereby directed to immediately appoint a patriotic instructor the duties to be as outlined in the December issue of the "Spanish War Review."

*New Officers*

4. The Department Commander is gratified in the selection of officers for 1914; and to these officers he sends his congratulations. The Camp Commander is responsible for the welfare of his Camp. His activity and enthusiasm will be reflected in the Comrades, and will measure the amount of good accomplished in his term of office. Let each Comrade resolve to uphold his Commander and make his the leading Camp — and thus will the Department enjoy an unequalled record of prosperity and progress.

*Recruiting*

5. The Department Commander is gratified at the recruiting done by the different Camps during the past six months and sincerely hopes that this will continue. If this Organization is to grow, each Camp must do its share of the work. There is absolutely no excuse for any Camp having a loss during any term. It shows that something is lacking. Let each Camp resolve that when its semi-annual report is made on June 30, 1914, a gain will be shown.

*Card Index*

6. Camp Adjutants are hereby directed to forward to Headquarters all applications received after January 1, 1914. The application will be immediately returned with the endorsement as to whether or not the applicant has ever been a member of any Camp in this Department. Particular attention should be paid to semi-annual reports so that it will be possible to keep the card index up to date. Immediately after the suspension of any Comrade, Camp Adjutants should notify Headquarters. The following additional Camps have complied with paragraph 4, G. O. No. 4, C. S. 1, 4, 8, 10, 14, 29, 30, 34, 38, 40, 42, 43, 46, 51, 60, 65, 66, 73, and 78.

*Visit by the Adjutant-General*

7. On Friday, December 26, 1913, Department Headquarters was honored with a visit by Adjutant-General G. E. Rausch. Representatives from 26 Camps were on hand to welcome him. On Sunday evening, December 28th, a dinner was tendered to him at the Elks' Club.

*Reception to Past Adjutant-General Dyer*

8. On Monday evening, December 29, 1913, twenty-four Comrades including Past Commanders-in-Chief Thomas Lynch, Maurice Simmons, the Department Commander, Past Department Commander Frank Keck, Adjutant-General G. E. Rausch and the Department Adjutant and Quartermaster tendered a dinner in honor of Past Adjutant-General, Congressman Dyer, of Missouri, at the Elks' Club. Addresses were made by Comrade Dyer, Past Commanders-in-Chief Lynch and Simmons, the Department Commander and Past Department Commander Keck. The Department Commander hereby expresses his appreciation of the work done by Past Commander E. Rolle, of Colonel H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24 in arranging the dinner.

*Camp Roster*

9. During the coming month each Camp Adjutant will receive a copy of the Camp Roster giving the name of the Camp, place and night of meeting, the name and address of Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster. This copy must be returned to Headquarters immediately with the endorsement as to whether or not same is correct. Any copy not returned within five days after receipt will be considered correct and published in the Department Roster.

*Civil Service*

10. Comrades employed in any branch of the Federal, State or City Civil Service are requested to communicate with National Aide James Long, 1720 75th Street, Brooklyn, Secretary of the Spanish War Veterans' Civil Service Association. This Association which was formed by authority of Past Department Commander Herrick is desirous of entering on its rolls all Comrades



interested. The Department Commander is of the opinion that it is to the best interest of any Comrade employed in Civil Service to become affiliated with the Association.

### *Changes*

11. In paragraph 10, G. O. No. 6, C. S. 461 So. Salina Street should read 471.

Camp No. 17 now meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in new Humboldt hall, 951 Genesee street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Camp No. 46 now meets first and third Fridays each month, at 29 West 115th street, New York city.

### *Information Wanted*

12. Comrade Wm. H. Coye, E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40, 706 South Broadway, Elmira, desires the address of any Comrade who served in Troop E, 11th U. S. Cavalry, in the Philippine Islands during the period of April, 1900, to March, 1904. Comrade Coye who is a cripple desires this information to assist him in obtaining a pension.

Comrade Michael Cleary, Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, 314 Stockholm street, Brooklyn, formerly of "M" Battery, 5th Artillery, desires to hear from Comrades who served with him.

Comrade Samuel H. Atkins, Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, 124 Windsor Place, Brooklyn, formerly of Company "F" 6th Mo. Infantry, desires to hear from Comrades who served with him while in Cuba.

### *Miscellaneous Functions*

13. This paragraph is devoted to coming social events which Comrades should endeavor to attend. By doing so you will not only be financially assisting the Camp holding the event, but by the interchange of visits, strengthen the bonds of Comradeship.

Major Frank Keck Camp will hold a reception and ball on Saturday evening, February 7, 1914, in the West End hall, 226 West 125th street, New York city, followed by a supper. An illustrated lecture on the Philippine Islands will be given by Past Department Commander Frank Keck before the reception.

The 69th Regiment Camp No. 93, will hold its annual Smoker in the 69th Regiment Armory, 25th street and Lexington avenue on Saturday, January 17, 1914. Excellent talent and refreshments will be provided.

The Memorial and Executive Committee of Manhattan and Bronx, New York city, will hold a theatre party at the Alhambra theatre, 126th street and 7th avenue on Thursday evening February 19, 1914. The usual box office rates will prevail; tickets will be on sale at Department Headquarters every Friday night.

*Taps*

14. Comrade James F. Bulger, T. H. Barber Camp No. 3, late Private Co. "L" 201st N. Y. Vol. Infantry, died November 8th, 1913, buried with full military honors on November 10, 1913, in the Catholic Cemetery, Binghamton.

Comrade Peter Plunkett, Neptune Naval Camp No. 30, died on board U. S. S. Ohio at Villa, France, November 25, 1913.

Comrade Wm. Thompson, Manhattan Camp No. 1, late Corporal Co. "B" 69th Regiment, N. Y. V. I., died December 24, 1913, buried with full military honors December 27, 1913, in Calvary Cemetery.

Shipmate Edward Kelly, Old Guard Camp No. 19, late U. S. Naval Recruiting Station, Brooklyn, died December 16th, 1913, buried with full naval honors, December 20, 1913, in Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn.

The sympathy of Headquarters is extended to the families of the deceased and the Camps to which they were lately attached.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WILLIAM JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY, *February 1, 1914.*

General Orders No. 8

Series 1913-1914

*Appointments*

1. The following appointments as Installing Officers are hereby added to paragraph 2, G. O. No. 7, C. S.:

- Camp No. 6, Past Commander Fenton W. Meyers.
- Camp No. 14, Department Inspector Isaac Joel.
- Camp No. 18, Past Commander W. J. Keating.
- Camp No. 24, National Aide-de-Camp P. F. Harney.
- Camp No. 25, Past Department Commander C. A. Simmons.
- Camp No. 29, Past Commander B. A. Worrell.
- Camp No. 32, Past Commander H. L. Kern.
- Camp No. 35, Department Historian P. F. Guilfoyle.
- Camp No. 39, Past Commander Herbert C. Morgan.
- Camp No. 52, Past Commander H. P. Hamlin.
- Camp No. 53, Past Department Commander Bernhardt Wall.
- Camp No. 56, Department Historian P. F. Guilfoyle.
- Camp No. 68, Department Commander Ralph H. Parker.
- Camp No. 71, Past Commander T. J. Bourke.
- Camp No. 74, Past Department Commander Wm. J. Cunningham.
- Camp No. 75, Department Senior Vice-Commander O. E. Her.
- Camp No. 78, Past Commander George F. Chapman.
- Camp No. 82, Department Commander Ralph H. Parker.
- Camp No. 89, Past Commander Austin Saylor.

The Department Commander takes this opportunity of expressing his appreciation to the Installing Officers for the efficient manner in which they performed their duties.

*Patriotic Instructor*

2. Pursuant to paragraph 9, National G. O. No. 4, C. S. Past Commander John J. Fitzgerald, Major General George F. Elliott Camp No. 84, is hereby appointed Department Patriotic Instructor, same to take effect January 2, 1914.

*National Appointments*

3. The Department has been honored by the following appointments on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

*Assistant Quartermaster General*

Comrade E. S. Wertheim.....Camp No. 38.

*National Aides-de-Camp*

Comrade Patrick F. Harney.....Camp No. 1  
 Comrade James S. Long.....Camp No. 5  
 Comrade Chas. E. Beilman.....Camp No. 15  
 Comrade A. O. Mathesius.....Camp No. 59  
 Comrade Julius Schiller . . . . .Camp No. 85

*Inspections*

4. During the month of April and May the annual inspection will be held. Camp Commanders should now prepare for this important event by taking steps to remedy whatever defects may exist in their Camps. Particular attention should be paid to the ritualistic work, so that when the inspection is made the officers will be able to render their part without the aid of the book. Do not let it be said when the Department Inspector renders his report that your Camp was lax; get to work at once so that your Camp will receive 100 per cent.

*Card Index*

5. The index is now complete with the exception of the following Camps: Nos. 2, 6, 35, 68, 74, 75, 82, 94. Under these Camps forward the index cards within 15 days from date a Department Officer will be detailed to visit the Camp to ascertain the cause of the delay. The attention of Camp Adjutants is again drawn to Paragraph 6, G. O. No. 7, C. S., requiring all applications for

membership to be referred to Department Headquarters for approval.

### *Widows' Pension Bill*

6. The Tenth Annual Department Encampment passed resolutions advocating the immediate enactment into law of a Widows' and Orphans' Pension Bill. At the National Encampment held in Buffalo, similar resolutions were enacted. In the February issue of the Spanish War review will be found a personal appeal from the Commander-in-Chief requesting assistance in behalf of the Murray Bill (H. R. 7374). This bill is identical with the Crago Bill of last year. Each Camp Commander is hereby directed to make a personal appeal to his local Congressman, praying for the enactment of H. R. 7374 in order to alleviate the needs and distress of our widows and orphans. All Camps in this Department should adopt strong resolutions, forwarding same to each member of the Senate and House Committee on Pensions. Copies of all communications in this matter to be forwarded to Department Headquarters, for transmission to National Headquarters.

### *Financial Report*

7. To the Department Commander:

I beg to submit the following statements of the receipts and disbursements for the term commencing July 1, 1913, and ending December 31, 1913:

#### *Receipts*

Received from Past Dept. Adj. U. A. Ferguson, July 15 .....	\$604 17
Received from Past Dept. Adj. U. A. Ferguson, July 29 .....	7 44
(Of this amount \$539.50 was due National Head- quarters for per capita tax due July 1, 1913)	
National per capita tax .....	989 85
Department per capita tax .....	756 27
Supplies .....	753 30
National per capita tax due January 1, 1914.....	479 79
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Total .....	<u>\$3,590 82</u>

*Disbursements*

Supplies, National Headquarters .....	\$608 67
Postage (including postage on supplies).....	91 84
Office supplies .....	15 50
Expressage .....	11 81
Printing .....	247 01
Per capita tax, National Headquarters.....	1,533 74
Encampment badges .....	40 00
National Encampment Expenses, Department Commander .....	56 95
Miscellaneous . . . . .	52 69
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Total .....	\$2,658 21
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*Recapitulation*

Total receipts .....	\$3,590 82
Total disbursements .....	2,658 21
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Balance on hand December 31, 1913.....	\$932 61
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Agreeable to the resolution of the Tenth Annual Encampment I have opened an entire new set of books, including a ledger, showing the standing of all Camps with National Headquarters.

The above accounts have been audited by the Auditing Committee appointed by you in G. O. No. 5, C. S., and found to be correct.

Respectfully submitted in F., P. and H.,  
 WM. JONES,  
*Department Adjutant.*

*Spanish War Review*

8. The attention of Camp Adjutants is drawn to Paragraph 7, G. O. No. 6, C. S., requiring that all matters pertaining to the Review other than articles for publication should be forwarded direct to Adjutant-General G. E. Rausch, Southern building, Washington, D. C. All matters for publication must be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant-General and forwarded through these Headquarters.

Any recruit mustered in after semi-annual reports have been forwarded is entitled to the Review. Camp Adjutants should forward the name and address immediately after muster in.

### *Department Encampment*

9. Headquarters is gratified at the assurances received from all locations of the Department that the attendance at the Eleventh Annual Encampment and Reunion, Schenectady, July 6, 7 and 8, 1914, will be the largest in the history of the Department. The Encampment Committee is working hard to make the Encampment one that will linger pleasantly in the minds of the Comrades. Why not start an Encampment Club in your Camp so that you will be prepared to attend?

### *Correspondence*

10. Attention is drawn to the Paragraph on this subject on the title page of each issue of this Bulletin. Despite this, Camps will persist in sending official communications to the Department Commander and requisitions for supplies to the Department Quartermaster. Hereafter communications not properly forwarded will be returned to the sender.

### *Changes*

11. In Paragraph 2, G. O. No. 7, C. S., Camp No. 14 should read Camp No. 15.

### *Information Wanted*

12. Comrades who served with Harry Thomas in Co. "L" 1st Louisiana Vol., are requested to communicate with him, care of Joseph Lewis, 1411 Madison Avenue, New York City.

### *Miscellaneous Functions*

13. On Sunday afternoon, February 15, 1914, at 3 P. M., Col. John Jacob Astor Camp will hold a Maine Memorial service in the 71st Regiment Armory, Park Avenue and 33rd Street. Comrades are requested to attend in uniform if possible. Ladies are also cordially invited, no tickets of admission will be required.

On Thursday evening, February 19, 1914, the Memorial and Executive Committee of Manhattan and Bronx will hold a Theatre party in the Alhambra Theatre, 126th Street and 7th Avenue,

New York City. Tickets which are 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1, may be obtained from P. F. Harney, 177 East 77th Street, or at Department Headquarters.

*Taps*

14. Comrade William J. Kerr, New York City Camp No. 23, late Private Co. "C" 8th N. Y. Vol. Inf., died suddenly December 27, 1913, buried with full military honors in St. Raymond's Cemetery, Westchester, New York, December 31, 1913.

Comrade John J. Leastor, Jos. J. Tully Camp No. 72, late U. S. S. "Monongahela," died December 27, 1913, buried December 30, 1913, in Hope Cemetery, Corning, New York, with full military honors.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WM. JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

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BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR  
VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY, *March 1, 1914.*

General Orders No. 9

SERIES 1913-1914

*Appointments*

1. The following are hereby appointed as District Inspectors:  
Past Department Commander Chauncey W. Herrick.  
Past Commander E. M. Moeller, Camp No. 27.  
Past Commander C. A. Thurber, Camp No. 43.  
Past Commander Geo. Conlan, Camp No. 53.  
Past Commander Thos. E. Reid, Camp No. 14.  
Past Commander L. H. Frost.  
Past Commander Frank L. Bissell, Camp No. 44.



### *Inspections*

2. District Inspectors are hereby directed to make the necessary arrangements whereby the spring inspection will be made during the month of April. Camp Commanders upon receipt of a communication from the District Inspector must give the same their prompt attention. Camp Officers will place at the disposal of the District Inspector, for purposes of inspection, all books, papers, accounts, records and proceedings of the Camp pertaining to the Organization.

### *Historian's Report*

3. Camp Historians are hereby directed to forward a preliminary report to the Department Historian, Patrick J. Guilfoyle, 109 Bastable Building, Syracuse, N. Y. This report should show the Camp Historian's activity in the matter of publicity, and should contain a complete history of the Camp so far as the Camp Historian is able to give. Historical relics belonging to Camps should also be noted. The Department Historian is now preparing a historical report of this Department. Camp Historians should promptly co-operate with him in making said report as accurate as possible.

### *Department Roster*

4. A sufficient number of Rosters have been sent to each Camp to enable them to send one to each Comrade in good standing. Camp Commanders as hereby directed are properly distributed.

### *Legislative Committee*

5. The Department Legislative Committee met in Troy on February 7th. The various measures endorsed by the Committee will be found in the March issue of the "Spanish War Review." Particular attention should be paid to the coming special election which will be held throughout the State on April 7th, for the purpose of having the people decide, "Shall there be a convention to revise the Constitution and amend the same?" It is most important that every member of the Organization vote "Yes" for a convention to revise the State Constitution, and endeavor to get their friends to do the same. Correspondence on

this matter is solicited by these Headquarters. The following members of the Legislative Committee were in attendance at the meeting: Department Judge Advocate Calvin S. McChesney, Chairman; Assistant Department Adjutant John S. Strachen, Secretary; Past Department Commander Wm. J. Cunningham, Past Department Commander Chauncey W. Herrick and Department Commander Ralph H. Parker. The other members of the Committee submitted their views in writing. The Department Commander hereby tenders his appreciation to the Comrades who were present in person at the Committee Meeting, particularly Past Department Commander Chauncey W. Herrick, who came at his own expense, from Oneonta, N. Y., in order to be present.

*Widows' and Orphans' Pension Bill*

6. The Department Commander is gratified at the response made by the Comrades in this Department to the appeal from National Headquarters to get behind this measure so as to insure its passage. We have the assurance that the Bill will pass the House of Representatives, but do not think that our fight will end there; the Bill must pass the Senate. If we are to be successful in our fight to gain proper recognition by the Government, each of us must do our share. Have you done yours? If not, do so immediately.

The Adjutant General has requested the Department Commander to express to the Comrades and Camps in this Department, the appreciation of National Headquarters for the splendid support given this measure.

*Membership Report*

7. The following is the number of comrades in good standing as shown by the semi-annual reports of December 31, 1913:

Number in good standing July 1, 1913.....	5,780
Total gain July 1 to December 31, 1913....	607
Total loss July 1 to December 31, 1913.....	467
Net gain .....	140

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Total number in good standing December 31, 1913..... 5,920

This includes all Camps except Nos. 6, 71, 75, 93, 95, 97, which Camps have failed to submit reports.

*Corrections*

8. In paragraph 1, G. O. No. 8, C. S., Camp No. 29 should read Camp No. 89.

In Department Roster add to Camp No. 12: Meets first and third Monday, G. A. R. Hall, Convention Hall.

Change address Adjutant, Camp No. 19, from 364 to 304 West 146th Street, New York City.

Camp No. 79 should read Thomas H. Fitzgerald.

*Miscellaneous Functions*

9. This paragraph is devoted to coming social events which Comrades should endeavor to attend. By doing so you will not only be financially assisting the Camp holding the event, but by the interchange of visits, strengthen the bonds of Comradeship.

On Monday evening March 16, 1914, Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp No. 89 will hold a Theatre Party at the Wadsworth Theatre, 181st Street and Wadsworth Avenue, New York City. Comrades are requested to appear in uniform. Tickets can be obtained from Past Department Inspector Clayton J. Morse, 521 West 186th Street, and Past Commander Curtis N. Earle, 500 West 171st Street, New York City.

On Tuesday evening April 28, 1914, Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24 will hold a Theatre Party at the American Roof Garden, 42nd Street and Broadway, New York City. Tickets can be obtained from Adjutant Louis Fischer, 19 West 116th Street, New York City.

*Taps*

10. Comrade Wm. F. Schultz, Manhattan Camp No. 1, late Sergeant Co. E, N. Y. Vol. Inf. Buried with full military honors January 18, 1914, in Greenwood Cemetery.

Comrade John Eglit, Manhattan Camp No. 1, late U. S. S. "Nashville." Lost on Old Dominion Steamship "Monroe." Body not recovered.

Comrade E. H. Hollis, 14th Regiment Camp No. 14, late private Co. I, 14th N. Y. Inf. Buried with full military honors in Holy Cross Cemetery on February 12, 1914.

Comrade A. C. Edminster, 14th Regiment Camp No. 14, late private Co. E, 14th Regiment, N. Y. V. Inf. Buried with full military honors in Greenwood Cemetery, February 14, 1914.

Firing squad from U. S. M. C., Brooklyn Navy Yard, attending.

Comrade George H. Flanagan, Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, late private Co. E, 2nd N. Y. V. Inf. Died February 4, 1914. Buried with full military honors.

Comrade Charles R. Blatter, David Wilson Camp No. 59, late Musician Co. E, 201st N. Y. V. Inf. Died February 8, 1914. Buried with full military honors in Woodlawn Cemetery, February 12, 1914.

Comrade Frank E. Truesdall, Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3, late Co. C, 4th U. S. Calvary, died March 1, 1914. Buried with full military honors.

Comrade Wm. A. Kenny, Defendam Camp No. 36, late 2nd Lieut. 22nd N. Y. Vol. Inf. Buried with full military honors, February 25, 1914.

The sympathy of Headquarters is extended to the families of the deceased and to the Camps to which they were lately attached.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WM. JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

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## BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY, *April 1, 1914.*

General Orders No. 10

SERIES 1913-1914

### *Appointments*

1. The following are hereby appointed Department Aides-de-Camp:

Camp No. 17, Comrade Wm. G. Gertz.

Camp No. 24, Comrade Edward F. Rolle.

Camp No. 32, Comrade E. Madden Decker.

Camp No. 33, Comrade H. C. Tucker.

Camp No. 34, Comrade D. Driscoll.

- Camp No. 40, Comrade Wm. H. Shay.
- Camp No. 42, Comrade Fred. W. Boardman.
- Camp No. 45, Comrade Donald S. Brown.
- Camp No. 48, Comrade Walter J. Carroll.
- Camp No. 83, Comrade W. C. Martin.
- Camp No. 84, Comrade Benj. F. Fogg.
- Camp No. 86, Comrade Wm. H. Andrews.
- Camp No. 9, Comrade G. W. Bradley.
- Camp No. 92, Comrade Jas. J. Curtin.
- Camp No. 94, Comrade John Schaeffer.
- Camp No. 98, Comrade Charles E. Callan.

They will immediately forward their acceptance to the Department Adjutant.

#### *One Thousand Recruits by July 1*

2. Let this be our battle slogan: Let each Comrade in this Department resolve to bring in at least one recruit by July 1, 1914. If each one does it will mean 6,000 instead of 1,000. The success of our beloved Organization depends upon its recruiting; instead of having 30,000 in this, the Empire State, we have but 6,000 and the fault lies with the Comrades who become dormant and permit their Camps to go backward instead of forward. The Department Commander is grateful for the generous support given him but let us go to the next Department Encampment at Schenectady 7,000 strong, with our lines unbroken, so that we may be ready to meet the many assaults now being made on our ranks.

Camp Commanders are advised that it is not the intent of Headquarters to hold up the mustering in of recruits whose applications are received on the night of a Camp meeting. These recruits may be mustered in and the application must then be forwarded with an endorsement that the applicant has been mustered in, giving the reason for such action.

#### *State Legislation*

3. At the recent session of the State Legislature many bills were introduced, the passage of which would have been detrimental to our Comrades. Towards the end of the session the efforts of our Legislative Committee were concentrated on the

“Partial Exemption from Taxation Bill,” introduced by Comrade Senator Anthony J. Griffin. This Bill was reported out of the Senate Committee, and on March 25th was passed by the Senate. Although Comrades Assemblymen Nelson, Christman, Dunlop and Greene put in applications to the Rules Committee for the reporting out of this Bill, they were unable to get the matter before the Assembly for a vote. The Civil Service Measure giving full preference in appointments for Spanish War Veterans, introduced by Assemblyman Dean Nelson, was left in Committee owing to the question of it being unconstitutional.

*Civil Service Association*

4. This Association now has listed 1,541 names of Comrades in our Organization who are employed in the various branches of the Civil Service. They now have over \$800 contributed towards a fund of \$2,000 which is necessary to secure from the Court of Appeals a just interpretation of Section 22 of the State Civil Service Laws. Headquarters is informed that Mr. Henry F. Cochrane has been engaged to take up all cases of Comrades who have been laid off contrary to this section. All Civil Service employees who are Comrades of our Organization are earnestly requested to communicate with the Secretary of the Association, Comrade Walter F. Allen, 1119 49th Street, Brooklyn.

*Patriotic Instructor*

5. Camp Patriotic Instructors are hereby directed to communicate with the Department Patriotic Instructor, John J. Fitzgerald, No. 29 Carlton Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., for the purpose of formulating a plan, so that the patriotic work of that office may be systematically carried on. Upon the Patriotic Instructors devolves the second principle of our Order. They should prove by their activity that with the passing away of our venerable Comrades of the G. A. R. that the U. S. W. V. is capable of carrying on the Patriotic Instruction of the future generation.

*Annual Muster*

6. The Annual Muster takes place April 21st. Camp Commanders should make special effort to either hold a regular or special meeting on that date so that each Comrade may reaffirm his oath of allegiance to his Flag and our beloved Order.

*Delegates*

7. Camp Commanders are hereby directed to hold the election of Delegates to the National and Department Encampments not later than the first stated meeting in May. The number of Department Delegates to be fixed in the ratio of one delegate for every fifty members or major fractional part. National Delegates in the ratio of one delegate for every one hundred members or major fractional part in good standing as shown by the semi-annual report of December 31, 1913. Camps may elect additional delegates if found to be entitled to the same by the report for the semi-annual term ending June 30, 1914.

*Changes*

8. Camp No. 29 now meets the last Saturday of each month. Camp No. 84 now meets the second Thursday of each month. Address Julius Werner, Camp No. 52, Frankfort, N. Y., in lieu of Franklin, N. Y.

Camp No. 89 now meets second and fourth Tuesday each month at 423 West 156th street, New York City.

*Information Wanted*

9. Comrades who served on the U. S. S. *Osceola* from April to September, 1898, are requested to communicate with Comrade Wm. A. Simpson, No. 10 South Broadway, Yonkers, N. Y., late Q. M. 2d Class, U. S. N. Also Comrades who served with him from 1893 to 1898. This information is desired to enable Comrade Simpson to arrange for a reunion of these Comrades at the next Department Encampment, Schenectady, July 6, 7, 8, 1914.

Comrade Chas. H. Littleman, No. 7306 Twelfth avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., desires to obtain the address of John G. Walder, late of Co. G, 14th N. Y. Vol. Inf.

*Miscellaneous Functions*

10. On Saturday evening, April 18, 1914, the 69th Regiment Camp, No. 93, will hold its Annual Ball at the 69th Regiment Armory, 26th street and Lexington avenue, New York City. This will be a reunion of the old members of the regiment and of Spanish Warmen in general. Prominent army officers and Government officials will be present.

On Wednesday evening, April 15, 1914, Old Guard Camp No. 19 will hold its third Annual Dance and Flag Raising at Majestic Hall, 125 East 125th street, New York City.

On Saturday evening, May 2, 1914, David Wilson Camp No. 59, will hold its Annual Smoker at Tietjen's Casino, 180th street and Boston road, Bronx, New York City.

On Saturday evening, May 9, 1914, Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, will hold its Grand Reunion Entertainment and Dance at Prospect Hall, Prospect street and Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. Grand Vaudeville Entertainment.

### *Taps*

11. Comrade Wm. G. Starrett, Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, late private U. S. Hospital Corps, died January 9, 1914. Buried with full military honors.

Comrade Michael J. Hoynes, Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, late Yeoman U. S. S. *Panther*. Died January 23, 1914. Buried with full military honors.

Comrade Wilson B. Strong, Wm. Hubbell Camp No. 4, late Lieut. Co. F, 33d U. S. Inft. Died January 27, 1914. Buried with full military honors.

Comrade Michael Cleary, Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, late private Co. M, 5th U. S. Artillery. Died February 11, 1914. Buried with full military honors.

Comrade Alois Schoepp, West Point Camp No. 85, died March 2, 1914; buried with full military honors March 5, 1914.

Comrade John Carroll, Major General R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17. Died February 27, 1914. Buried with full military honors, March 2, 1914, in Holy Cross Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y.

Comrade Wm. H. Kyle, Capt. Frank R. Palmer Camp No. 28, late private Co. D, 1st N. Y. Vol. Inft. Died March 5, 1914. Buried with full military honors in Rural Cemetery, Albany, N. Y.

Comrade J. J. Coughlin, Capt. Malcolm A. Rafferty Camp No. 80, late private Co. H, 201st N. Y. Vol. Inft. Died March 7, 1914. Buried with full military honors March 11, 1914, in Calvary Cemetery, Long Island.

Comrade John A. Hennessey, Col. John Jacob Astor Camp No. 98, late 2d Penn. Vol. Inft. 7th U. S. Inft., 10th Penn. Vol. Inft.



and 65th Coast Artillery. Died March 25, 1914. Buried with full military honors March 27, 1914, in the National Cemetery.

Comrade Jacob Nicholas, honorary member Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, late Musician Co. I, 8th U. S. Inf., having served in that regiment during the Mexican War. Comrade Nicholas was also a veteran of the Civil War. Died March 20, 1914. Buried with full military honors, March 23, 1914.

Comrade John C. Brill, John U. Searles Camp No. 67, late private Co. C, 201st N. Y. Vol. Inf. Died March 21, 1914. Buried with full military honors March 24, 1914, in Mt. St. Mary's Cemetery, Flushing, L. I.

The sympathy of Headquarters is extended to the families of the deceased and to the Camps to which they were lately attached.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WM. JONES,

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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY, *May 1, 1914.*

**General Orders No. 11**

Series 1913-1914

### *Appointments*

1. The following appointments are hereby announced.

#### *Aides-de-Camp*

Camp No. 26, Comrade Roger T. Sherman.

Camp No. 56, Comrade Howard O. Clair.

Camp No. 91, Comrade Thomas F. Rudledge vice Thomas F. Dawkins, resigned.

*District Inspector*

Comrade Thomas F. Dawkins assigned to District No. 29.

*Memorial Day*

2. It is well for a nation that her citizens should come from time to time to lay aside their usual occupations and turn their minds to the celebration of events glorious in her history. To-day when once again our Flag has been baptized in the blood of her sailors and marines and, perhaps ere this reaches your hands, is flung aloft to the winds of heaven in open war, it is especially fitting that we should reverently gather and pay tribute in fragrant flowers and loving words to our heroic dead who faithfully served our country in her hour of need in battle afloat and ashore.

Assemble on the 30th of May and pay due respect to our soldier dead; yield in all reverence first place to our grand old Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic; join with them in their thinning lines of blue wherever possible in paying due tribute to all soldier and sailor dead.

*Volunteer Regiment*

3. Your Department Commander feeling that the membership of this Department is made up of Comrades who are willing if the occasion should arise to again offer their services to the country, offered a complete regiment to the President of these United States in the event of war with Mexico. Camp Commanders are requested to immediately forward to the Department Adjutant the names and addresses together with the service record of all Comrades desiring to enroll.

*1,000 Recruits by July 1*

4. Your Department Commander again appeals to you to do your share towards bringing in 1,000 new members by July 1st. Our membership is growing but not as fast as it should be. With the Department Encampment but two months away every Camp must do its share if we are to obtain the gain desired. Some Camps are doing nobly, others scarcely marking time. Do not leave recruiting to one or two. Let every Comrade make an

effort to bring in at least one recruit at each meeting between now and July 1st. Make every hour count. If every man will do his duty in these days thrilling with thought of war and glowing with patriotism we can add 1,000 members before July 1st. It is up to you. Keep it rolling.

#### H. R. 13044

5. Department Headquarters extends its congratulations to the Camps in this Department for the splendid results obtained on the above measure. Out of a total of 43 votes from this State, but one voted against the measure.

This vote shows the result of good hard work by the Camps and individual Comrades in this Department. The Department Commander trusts that this energy will continue so that favorable results may be obtained in the Senate.

#### *Special Advisory Committee*

6. As all replies of acceptance have not as yet been received it will be necessary to defer publishing the names of the Special Committee to act in conjunction with the Department Legislative Committee in all matters pertaining to the State Constitutional Convention.

#### *Surgeons' Report*

7. Camp Surgeons are hereby directed to forward the Department Surgeon Frank W. Roes, 104 Main street, Elmira, New York, not later than June 15, 1914, a complete report of their office for the term commencing July 1, 1913, and ending May 31, 1914.

In order to ascertain the number of disabled Comrades in our Organization, the following questions are to be answered and forwarded with the report. How many Comrades have acquired the following diseases or sequels thereof:

Typhoid Fever	Rheumatism
Yellow Fever	Arthretis Deformans
Dysentery (Chronic)	Tuberculosis
Dysentery (Amebic)	Paralysis

How many Comrades have sustained during service:

Loss of Arm or Hand

Loss of Leg or Foot

Injuries to Head or Body

As this information is very necessary, Camp Commanders will be held responsible for failure to submit the above report.

#### *1912 Proceedings*

8. Comrades desiring a copy of these proceedings may obtain same upon application to the Department Adjutant.

#### *Department Encampment*

9. With the encampment drawing near, Camp Commanders should endeavor to ascertain how many Comrades will attend the Annual Reunion and Encampment in Schenectady, July 6, 7 and 8, 1914.

The Committee in charge are leaving nothing undone to make this Convention the most successful in the history of our Organization. The Department Commander is desirous that all those attending appear in uniform.

#### *Grave Markers*

10. Headquarters has received several communications asking information as to whether or not the grave marker of this Organization may be used to mark the graves of deceased non-members. Camp Commanders are hereby advised that the grave marker may be used to mark the graves of all deceased veterans of the War with Spain and its incidental campaigns, whose service was such as rendered them eligible to become members of this Organization.

#### *Delegate Certificates*

11. Upon the receipt of the proper forms Camp Adjutants will forward same to Headquarters giving all the information desired therein.

A prompt return is requested so as to enable the Department Adjutant to send out the necessary credentials.

*National Appointments*

12. This Department has been honored with the following additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

- Camp No. 36. Past Commander Bernard Flood.
- Camp No. 42. Comrade D. F. Keyes.
- Camp No. 62. Past Commander Daniel Arundell.

*Official Visits*

13. The Department Commander is endeavoring to visit as many Camps as possible, but finds it is a physical impossibility to comply with all the requests made. Preference is given to the Camps which are in need of encouragement.

*Civil Service*

14. By a recent decision of Justice Kelly, Supreme Court, County of Kings, New York, a Comrade of this Organization who was laid off in violation of section 22, Civil Service Law, has been ordered reinstated with back pay.

*Official Correspondence*

15. It is necessary to direct attention of Camps throughout the Department to the laxity which exists in the matter of answering requests from Headquarters for information pertaining to the welfare of the Organization. With the Encampment drawing near, Camp Officers should endeavor to lighten the burdens of the Department Adjutant, which are exceptionally heavy at this time, by promptly answering all communications through the proper channels.

*Changes*

16. In Paragraph 1, General Order No. 10 Camp No. 9 should read "Camp No. 89."

In Paragraph 11, General Order No. 10, death notice of Wm. H. Kyle, Camp No. 28 should read "James C. Nevlin."

Address of Commander Camp No. 15 now "983 Fillmore Ave., Buffalo, New York."

Commander Camp No. 82, Comrade H. F. Ebert, 179 Chestnut St., Brooklyn, N. Y., vice Wm. A. Reardon resigned.

Commander Camp No. 94, Comrade Fred W. Ingerson, vice Henry F. Mullarky, resigned.

Camp No. 19, Adjutant John F. P. Siegmann, 2085 Southern Boulevard, New York City, vice Moses M. Block.

Quartermaster Moses M. Block, 2660 Eighth Avenue, New York City, vice Timothy J. Reardon.

Address of Quartermaster Camp No. 43 now 3103 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Camp No. 89 now meets second and fourth Mondays each month.

#### *Information Wanted*

17. Former members of Co. B, 28th U. S. Vol. Inf., who served with Chas. Toomes are requested to communicate with him at 132 ninety-seventh Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Any information will be gratefully received.

#### *Miscellaneous Functions*

18. Geo. D. Russell Camp No. 43, will hold its seventh annual dinner on Saturday, May 23, 1914, at the 13th Regiment Armory, Sumner and Putnam Avenues, Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### *Taps*

19. Comrade John P. O'Brien, Capron Camp No. 22, late private Co. H. 17th U. S. Inf. Died April 21, 1914. Buried with full military honors in Holy Cross cemetery, L. I.

Comrade Chas. A. Coberg, Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, late private Co. E, 12th N. Y. Vol. Died April 21, 1914. Buried with full military honors in Lutheran cemetery, Middle Village, N. Y. C.

The sympathy of Headquarters is extended to the families of the deceased and to the Camps to which they were lately attached.

By order of

**RALPH H. PARKER,**

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NEW YORK CITY, *June 1, 1914.*

General Orders No. 12

Series 1913-1914

*Appointments*

1. Quartermaster W. Elmore Slack, Camp No. 28, is hereby appointed Department Musician, vice John Temme, resigned, same to take effect May 1, 1914.

Comrade John Temme is hereby appointed Assistant Department Adjutant. Vice Commander Ben Rosenberg, resigned, same to take effect May 1, 1914.

Comrade Charles P. Krauth, Camp No. 10, is hereby appointed Department Aide-de-Camp.

*Credential Committee*

2. Pursuant to section 2, article 8, part 3 of the Rules and Regulations the following Committee on Credentials is hereby appointed:

Department Adjutant Wm. Jones, Camp No. 59.

Past Commander T. J. Bourke, Camp No. 2.

Past Commander Edward F. Rolle, Camp No. 24.

The Committee will be in session in Schenectady, N. Y., as follows:

July 4, 1914, at the Edison House from 4 to 6 p. m.

July 5, 1914, at the Edison House from 10 a. m. to 12 a. m., 4 to 6 p. m., and 8 to 10 p. m.

July 6, 1914, at the Convention hall, from 9 to 10 a. m.

Delegates desiring to qualify for the opening session must register before 10 a. m., July 6, 1914. None but duly qualified delegates will be admitted to the delegates' enclosure within the Encampment hall.

*Special Advisory Committee*

3. The following Special Advisory Committee is hereby appointed, to act in conjunction with the Department Legislative Committee in all matters pertaining to the coming State Constitutional Convention.

- Hon. Dean Nelson, Camp No. 23.
- Hon. Anthony J. Griffin, Camp No. 19.
- Hon. Joseph Hartigan, Camp No. 24.
- Hon. Raymond J. Carver, Camp No. 24.
- Hon. Francis D. Culkin, Camp No. 26.
- Hon. Daniel Wolff, Camp No. 27.
- Hon. W. F. Cristman, Camp No. 51.
- Hon. Joseph A. Goulden, Camp No. 59.
- Hon. Frederick Weeks, Camp No. 79.
- Department Surgeon Frank W. Ross, Camp No. 40.
- Department Marshal Wm. Gilbert, Camp No. 25.
- Department Historian P. Guilfoyle, Camp No. 86.
- Commander Thomas F. Dawkins, Camp No. 91.
- Past Commander John S. Adair, Camp No. 1.
- Past Commander Wm. T. Hunt, Camp No. 3.
- Past Commander Clinton P. Hamilton, Camp No. 4.
- Past Commander George A. Markham, Camp No. 12..

*Semi-Annual Reports*

4. Reports of the Camp Adjutants and Quartermasters for the term ending June 30, 1914, should be forwarded to the Department Adjutant as soon as possible.

*Per Capita Tax*

5. Per capita tax for the term commencing July 1, 1914, should accompany semi-annual reports. The National per capita tax is 22½ cents on each member in good standing; Department, 12½ cents on each member in good standing, making a total of 35 cents.

*Supplies*

6. The books of the Department Quartermaster will close June 25, 1914. Any requisition for supplies received after that date will be referred to the incoming administration.



*Department Encampment*

7. The Eleventh Annual Encampment of this Department will be held at Schenectady, N. Y., July 6, 7 and 8, 1914. The Executive Committee in charge proposes to give all Delegates and Comrades a "Big Time," and extend through Department Headquarters a cordial invitation to each and every Comrade within our ranks to visit Schenectady on this occasion. Department Headquarters will be established in the Edison House, Schenectady, during the Encampment. The programme is as follows:

*Sunday*

8 to 10 p. m.—Band concert in Crescent Park, in front of Armory.

*Monday*

Morning.—Sightseeing and automobile rides, accompanied by Comrades of the local Camp.

Afternoon.—Appropriate moving pictures at the Majestic theatre on Albany Street, just above the Armory. Sightseeing.

Evening.—Outdoor dance for Comrades and their Ladies; out-  
ing and river festival at Dolles Park on the historic Mohawk river.

*Tuesday*

Morning.—Automobile rides, visits to the plants of the General Electric and the American Locomotive Works.

Afternoon.—Grand Military parade.

Evening.—Snax parade, grand display of fireworks, dancing and boating in Forest Park, Ballston Lake.

*Wednesday*

Sightseeing.

The Military parade will undoubtedly be the largest in the history of the Department, and every Comrade and Shipmate is urged to bring his uniform. Individual Camps should take a pride in the name they bear by having their Camp colors and guidons in the parade. These Headquarters have been informed that several Camps will attend the Encampment with their own bands and drum corps.

Partial list of hotel accommodations:

<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Rates per Day</i>
Edison hotel (Department Headquarters), American plan .....	\$3.50 per person
Lower rates, of course, can be obtained by doubling up.	
New Vendome hotel (Department Head- quarters, Ladies' Auxiliary), European plan . . . . .	2.00 and up (Single)
Mohawk Baths hotel, European plan . . . .	1.00 and up (Single) 2.00 and up (Double)
Crown hotel .....	1.00 and up (Single) 2.00 and up (Double)
Foster hotel, European plan . . . . .	1.00 and up (Single) 2.00 and up (Double)
Seneca hotel, European plan . . . . .	0.75 and up (Single) 1.50 and up (Double)

*Transportation*

8. The Transportation Aide advises that the Trunk Line Association will give to the U. S. W. V. no rebate on railroad fare to Schenectady for the Annual Encampment, and that the rate of fare on the various boat lines from New York to Albany is as follows:

Hudson River Day Line, one way \$2.00, round trip \$3.50.

Night boat, Citizens' Line to Troy, one way \$2.00, round trip \$3.50.

Night boat, People's Line to Albany, one way \$2.50, round trip \$4.25.

Manhattan Line to Albany, one way \$1.00, round trip \$2.00.

In addition to the above the following rates and information has been received at Department Headquarters. The party rate given applies to parties of ten or more traveling together at the same time, and is for one way only:

New York Central and Hudson River Railroad.—Buffalo to Schenectady, individual fare, one way \$5.60, round trip \$11.20.

Rochester to Schenectady, individual fare, one way \$4.24, round trip \$8.48.

Syracuse to Schenectady, individual fare, one way \$2.62, round trip \$5.24.

Albany to Schenectady, individual fare, one way 34 cents, round trip 60 cents.

New York City to Schenectady, individual fare, one way \$3.44, round trip \$6.35.

New York City to Schenectady, party fare \$3.20.

Delaware and Hudson Railroad.— Binghamton to Schenectady, individual fare, one way \$3.59, round trip \$6.83.

Binghamton to Schenectady, party fare, one way \$2.62.

Trolley.— Fast express trolleys run between Albany and Schenectady, single fare 25 cents.

#### *Leave of Absence*

9. Any Comrade in any branch of the Municipal Government of the City of New York will be granted leave of absence with pay, July 6, 7 and 8, 1914, upon proper application to the respective head of the division.

The Collector of the Port of New York and the Port of Buffalo will grant leave to attend the Department Encampment to such members of our organization who make the proper request.

The Acting Secretary of the Navy has directed that notices be placed on all bulletin boards in the New York Navy Yard drawing attention to the Department Encampment and advising that all Comrades whose services can be spared will be granted leave to attend the said Encampment.

The postmasters of New York, Brooklyn and Syracuse will do all possible to help arrange the vacation periods so that Comrades under their employ can attend the Department Encampment, where such leave will not interfere with the proper performance of their duties.

#### *Attendance Credentials*

10. Comrades employed in the Civil Service will receive a certificate of attendance from the Department Adjutant upon application at the Encampment.

*Camp Surgeons*

11. The Department Surgeon, Frank W. Ross, M. D., will arrange with the Camp Surgeons in attendance at the Department Encampment to discuss a paper on pension matters, with the object of giving to our Comrades publicity on the proper methods to pursue in applying for disability pensions. The time and place will be announced at the Encampment. All Comrades interested are invited to attend. Camp Surgeons and Past Department Surgeons should consider it their duty to be present at the Encampment and discuss the paper in question, in order to reduce to a minimum the rejection of pension applications for lack of "sufficient evidence."

*Camp Historians*

12. Camp Historians who have not sent in their reports are hereby directed to send same at once to the Department Historian, Patrick Guilfoyle, 470 South Salina street, Syracuse, N. Y. A meeting of the Camp Historians will be held during the Encampment, time and place to be announced later.

*Camp Patriotic Instructors*

13. During the sessions of the Encampment a meeting of Camp Patriotic Instructors will be held under the supervision of the Department Patriotic Instructor. At this time plans will be formulated to organize an Association of Patriotic Instructors. Several interesting papers on the subject of patriotic work will be submitted for the information and guidance of Camp Patriotic Instructors. Informal discussion will be held on each paper. Time and place of meeting will be announced later.

All Camp Patriotic Instructors are directed to forward at once to the Department Patriotic Instructor, John J. Fitzgerald, No. 29 Carlton Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., a report covering patriotic functions held by their respective Camps during the present administration.

*Official Department Band*

14. Capt. Frank Rockwell Palmer, Camp No. 28 of Albany, has been successful in organizing a Camp band of twelve men,

composed only of members of the Camp, and this band will participate in the Encampment parade at Schenectady. Most of the Comrades could play no instrument when the band was started, therefore, it should be possible in this large Department to organize a Department band of at least fifty Comrades. Quartermaster W. Elmore Slack of Camp No. 28, has volunteered to take up the preliminary work of organizing a Department band to be composed exclusively of Comrades and Shipmates who are members of our Organization.

If every Camp will ascertain how many men they have that have instruments or are willing to learn to play some band instrument, and send these names and addresses with the instrument they play or wish to play to Comrade W. Elmore Slack, No. 11 Providence place, Albany, N. Y., he will give them all the assistance possible without charge. Comrade Slack will be in Schenectady July 7 and the Camp delegates can confer with him there. He will also be glad to meet any Comrade who is interested.

#### *Urell Memorial Monument*

15. Past Commander-in-Chief M. Emmet Urell was one of the Veterans who laid the foundation for our Order. A committee consisting of three Past Department Commanders of the Department of the District of Columbia has completed plans looking toward the erection of a monument over Comrade Urell's grave in the Arlington National Cemetery.

It is proposed to give every Camp in the Order an opportunity to assist in the erection of the monument, and a contribution of \$1 or \$2, but not more than \$2 from each Camp is requested.

The Department Commander of New York takes pleasure in approving of this solicitation. Camps desiring to contribute are requested to send contributions to Comrade E. L. Cogan, 315 C. street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

#### *Legislation*

16. Through the efforts of Comrade Assemblyman Dean Nelson of Camp No. 23, an item of \$6,000 was included in the Appropriation Bill and passed at the extra session of the State Legis-

lature. The \$6,000 is to reimburse the loss sustained by the inmates of the State Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Bath, N. Y., due to a fire which occurred on January 25, 1914. The trustees of the Home estimated the loss at \$20 per inmate. The item was passed by both Houses and signed by the Governor. The inmates of the Home consist of both members of the G. A. R. and members of the U. S. W. V.

The Widows and Orphans' Pension Measure (H. R. 13044) has been reported favorably to the Senate. Every Comrade in this Department should at once write to Senators Elihu Root and James A. O'Gorman of Washington, D. C., urging immediate favorable action on this meritorious measure.

### *Changes*

17. Name of Quartermaster Camp No. 56 in Department Roster should read: "W. G. Van Suyen."

Camp No. 56 now meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at No. 56 Laggart Building, Watertown, N. Y.

Adjutant Camp No. 53, George W. Cornish, 916 East 176th street, New York City, vice Sheridan Gorton, Jr., resigned.

Quartermaster Camp No. 59, Alex. Fraser, 1051 Grant avenue, Bronx, New York City, vice Otto Walters, resigned.

Change of address Adjutant Camp No. 3, now "30 Carroll St., Binghamton, New York."

Commander Camp No. 82, H. R. Ebert, 179 Chestnut street, Brooklyn, vice William Reardon, resigned.

Quartermaster Camp No. 7, Comrade Alfred Edsall, care of Public Library, Niagara Falls, New York, vice Comrade Willis O. Johnson, resigned.

Adjutant Camp No. 82, Louis Knoll, No. 16 Windon street, Union Course, L. I., vice H. R. Ebert, resigned.

### *Information Wanted*

18. Former members of Company C, 47th New York Volunteer Infantry, who served with John Wood during the Spanish War, are requested to communicate with Adjutant Robert Hall, Jr., No. 7 Marion avenue, Glens Falls, N. Y., of Camp No. 9

of this Department. This information is for the purpose of assisting Comrade Wood who is in poor health, to obtain a pension.

Comrades who served with William Sorby and William Connors (late U. S. S. Brooklyn and New Orleans) are requested to communicate with T. J. O'Donnell, 316 East 55th street, New York City.

#### *Miscellaneous Functions*

19. Saturday, July 4, 1914, Ranken and Warren Post, G. A. R., William McKinley Camp No. 62, U. S. W. V. and George A. Custer Garrison No. 2 A. N. U., will hold a monster patriotic rally, picnic and athletic meet at Juniper Park, Maspeth, L. I.

Some of the features are an open handicap meet, six events, by sanction of the A. A. U., under personal direction of "Mel" Sheppard, the peerless middle distance runner, and "Abe" Kiviat, the unbeatable miler. These two cracks will also compete in a special race. Events for all classes of veterans and their ladies and children, too. Costly and handsome prizes for each and every event. Dancing and music day and evening. Families with baskets specially welcome.

Tickets twenty-five cents. Sold to Camps on a fifty-fifth basis. For tickets address the Secretary, H. Kehm, No. 311 Adelphi street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### *Taps*

20. Comrade William J. Kennedy, Camp No. 1, late Sergeant Company M, N. Y. Vol. Inf., died April 17, 1914. Buried with full military honors, April 20, 1914, in Linden Hill Cemetery.

Honorary Member Francis McCarty, Camp No. 1, late member Kennedy Post, G. A. R., died May 8, 1914. Buried with full military honors May 11, 1914, in Calvary Cemetery, L. I. Camp No. 1 performed the ritualistic service at his late residence.

Comrade Archibald J. Marshall, Camp No. 2, late private Company B, 2d U. S. Art., died May 16, 1914. Buried with full military honors May 19, 1914, in St. Mary's Cemetery, Troy, N. Y.

Comrade Asa L. Bonwell, Camp No. 3, late Company H, 1st N. Y. Vol. Inf., died May 15, 1914. Buried with full military honors.

Comrade John J. Robertson, Camp No. 22, late Troop G, 1st U. S. Cav., died May 21, 1914. Buried with full military honors May 24, 1914, in St. John's Cemetery, L. I.

Comrade C. J. Cockrill, Camp No. 26, late Sergeant Company M, 3d U. S. Inf. Body sent to Tennessee for burial. Escort furnished.

Comrade Henry McLoughlin, Camp No. 30, late U. S. S. Badger died April 18, 1913 (or 1914), buried with full military honors.

Comrade Ivan L. King, Camp No. 32, late private Company I, 1st N. Y. Vol. Inf. died May 21, 1914. Buried with full military honors May 23, 1914 in Fairview Cemetery, New Jersey.

Comrade Eli McKeel, Camp No. 69, late U. S. M. C., died May 2, 1914, buried with full military honors May 5, 1914, at Highland Falls by Camp No. 69 assisted by Camp No. 85.

Comrade Joseph D. Honck, Camp No. 82, died in Philadelphia, Pa., April 16, 1914, buried with full military honors.

The sympathy of Headquarters is extended to the families of the deceased and to the Camps to which they were lately attached.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WM. JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*



## HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

## UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

SECOND FIELD ARTILLERY ARMORY

166th street and Franklin avenue

NEW YORK CITY, *October 24, 1913*

Special Order No. 1

Series 1913-14

1. In accordance with paragraph 4, G. O. No. 4, C. S., under separate cover Camp Adjutants will receive index cards which they are hereby directed to fill out and return immediately to Headquarters. These cards must be returned prior to November 15, 1913.

2. The following data must be furnished unless the records fail to give same. Such data as may be available will then be given.

Name — Give name in full.

City.

Address — Give full address when possible.

Camp — Number of Camp will do.

Regiment or ship — Give rank, company and regiment or ship.

Date of admission to Camp.

Suspended

Transferred

Died

} Fill in when necessary.

3. When possible, descriptive book will be used. In all cases, however, an effort must be made to give names of all members since the organization of the Camp.

4. Camp Adjutants are also directed to immediately forward to Headquarters a complete roster giving name and address of all members in good standing. This is desired for legislative purposes.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WILLIAM JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

*Note*

Special Order No. 2, was a form order used to issue authority and instructions to those Comrades acting as Installing Officers. These Comrades were confirmed and appointed later in General Orders. See Par. 2, Department General Orders No. 7, and Par. 1, Department General Orders No. 8, c. s.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

SECOND FIELD ARTILLERY ARMORY

166th street and Franklin avenue

NEW YORK CITY, *February 13, 1914*

**Special Order No. 3**

Series 1913-14

1. It being manifestly impossible to comply with Section 9, Article 8, Part 5, Rules and Regulations, permission is hereby granted Newell Rising Camp No. 68, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., to hold the installation of its officers on February 17, 1914.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WILLIAM JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

## HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

## UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

## SECOND FIELD ARTILLERY ARMORY

166th street and Franklin avenue

NEW YORK CITY, *March* 15, 1914**Special Order No. 4**

Series 1913-14

1. The following districts, to be known as Inspection Districts are hereby assigned:

*Inspectors*

District No. 1, Camps Nos. 1, 44, 59, 78, 85, 91, 97.— I. L. Jcel, Mt. Vernon.

District No. 2, Camps Nos. 2, 74.— C. E. Clark, 177 Broad street, Albany.

District No. 3, Camps Nos. 3, 72.— John D. Driscoll, Elmira.

District No. 4, Camps Nos. 4, 5.— B. F. Fogg, 64 Court street, Brooklyn.

District No. 5, Camps Nos. 11, 90.— F. W. Dunson, care of Postoffice, Saratoga Springs.

District No. 6, Camps Nos. 7, 83.— Jos. Brecker, 401 Sherman street, Buffalo.

District No. 7, Camps Nos. 8, 37.— E. B. Moeller, 29 Maple street, Yonkers.

District No. 8, Camps Nos. 9, 58.— T. J. Bourke, 514 River street, Troy.

District No. 9, Camps Nos. 10, 20, 38, 80.— W. E. Whiting, 251 West 92d street, New York City.

District No. 10, Camps Nos. 12, 15, 17.— C. C. Locke, 2021 Main street, Niagara Falls.

District No. 11, Camps Nos. 14, 21, 43.— John Simpson, 69 Stone street, Brooklyn.

District No. 12, Camps Nos. 16, 62, 65.— E. W. Larkin, Coentis Slip, New York City.

District No. 13, Camps Nos. 18, 22, 34.— C. A. Thurber, 445 Classon avenue, Brooklyn.

District No. 14, Camps Nos. 19, 23, 24, 36.— P. F. Harney, 167 East 77th street, New York City.

District No. 15, Camp No. 25.— Geo. H. Markham, Buffalo.

District No. 16, Camps Nos. 26, 86.— Wm. D. Gilbert, 16 Oakman street, Rochester.

District No. 17, Camps Nos. 68, 79, 87.— Wm. Jones, New York City.

District No. 18, Camps Nos. 28, 71, 6.— Wm. J. Cunningham, Canal street, Troy.

District No. 19, Camps Nos. 29, 61.— Alfred Tooker, 145 22nd street, Flushing.

District No. 20, Camp No. 30.— Alfred Halliday, 252-256 Sixth avenue.

District No. 21, Camps Nos. 31, 93, 95, 98.— Geo. Conlon, 1980 Marion avenue, Bronx.

District No. 22, Camps Nos. 32, 69.— Isaac Joel, Mt. Vernon.

District No. 23, Camps Nos. 33, 35.— H. Voigt, Jr., 217 So. Main street, Herkimer.

District No. 24, Camps Nos. 39, 56.— Patrick Guilfoyle, 417 So. Salina street, Syracuse.

District No. 25, Camps Nos. 40, 42.— A. K. Roberts, 222 Front street, Binghamton.

District No. 26, Camp No. 45.— H. C. Perkins, P. O. Box 515, Olean.

District No. 27, Camps Nos. 46, 53, 89, 27.— J. E. J. Clare, care of Patterson & Greenough, 45 E. 17th.

District No. 28, Camp No. 47.— Claud F. Doud, 260 Watango avenue, Corning.

District No. 29, Camps Nos. 48, 84.— Frank Lawless, 618 16th street, Brooklyn.

District No. 30, Camps Nos. 49, 82.— Thomas E. Reid, 73 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn.

District No. 31, Camps No. 51, 52.— L. H. Frost, 95 Miller street, Utica.

District No. 32, Camp No. 60.— John W. Metzger, 424 Riley street, Buffalo.

District No. 33, Camps Nos. 66, 67.— John M. Niemeier, 20 West 20th street, Whitestone.

District No. 34, Camps Nos. 73, 92.— Chas. Gustavus, 217 Court street, Brooklyn.

District No. 35, Camp No. 75.— Frank L. Bissell, 5 Hammersly avenue, Poughkeepsie.

District No. 36, Camp No. 94.— Alfred W. Bement, Whitehall.

District No. 37, Camp No. 96.— C. W. Herrick, Oneonta.

By order of

**RALPH H. PARKER,**

*Department Commander.*

Official:

**WILLIAM JONES,**

*Department Adjutant.*

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**HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

**UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS**

**SECOND FIELD ARTILLERY ARMORY**

166th street and Franklin avenue

NEW YORK CITY, April 4, 1914

**Special Order No. 5**

Series 1913-14

1. It being manifestly impossible to comply with Section 9, Article 8, Part 5, Rules and Regulations, permission is hereby granted Colonial Camp No. 75, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., to hold the installation of its officers on April 19, 1914.

By order of

**RALPH H. PARKER,**

*Department Commander.*

Official:

**WILLIAM JONES,**

*Department Adjutant.*

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

SECOND FIELD ARTILLERY ARMORY

166th street and Franklin avenue

NEW YORK CITY, *April 4, 1914*

Special Order No. 6

Series 1913-14

1. It being manifestly impossible to comply with Section 9, Article 8, Part 5, Rules and Regulations, permission is hereby granted David J. Johnson Camp No. 74, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., to hold the installation of its officers on April 29, 1914.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander*

Official:

WILLIAM JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

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HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

2d Field Artillery Armory, 166th Street and Franklin Avenue

NEW YORK CITY, *April 4, 1914*

Special Order No. 7

Series 1913-14

1. In the matter of charges and specifications preferred by Past Commander Frederick Woodhull, a member of Old Guard Camp No. 19, Department of New York, against Past Commander Harry E. Smith, a member of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4,

Department of New York, U. S. W. V., the following commission to investigate the said original charges and specifications is hereby appointed:

Department Senior Vice-Commander O. E. Iler, Chairman, 449 Lexington avenue, New York City.

Commander William E. White, William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, 25 Broad street, New York City.

Commander Alfred H. Torbet, Old Guard Camp No. 19, 448 Fifteenth street, Brooklyn, New York.

Upon the completion of their investigation the above commission will report the findings to the Department Commander.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,  
*Department Commander.*

Official:

WILLIAM JONES,  
*Department Adjutant.*

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HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

2d Field Artillery Armory, 166th Street and Franklin Avenue

NEW YORK CITY, *May* 7, 1914

**Special Order No. 8**

Series 1913-14

1. As a tribute of respect to the Sailors and Marines killed in action at Vera Cruz, the Comrades in this Department will assemble in City Hall park, Borough of Manhattan, on May 11th, at 8:30 A. M. sharp. The Memorial and Executive Committee Chairmen and Camp Commanders in Greater New York and vicinity are hereby directed to send the necessary notification to the Officers and Comrades under their jurisdiction.

2. Department and National Officers including Aides-de-Camp and Past Officers entitled to Staff recognition will report to the Department Commander in person, not later than 8:30 A. M.

Camp Commanders will report to the Department Chief-of-Staff, Alfred J. Kennedy, immediately upon their arrival at the place of assembly.

3. Formation will be by Camps in numerical order as far as possible with the exception that Camps bearing names pertaining to the Naval or Marine branch of the Service will have the right of line. Uniform with white gloves will be worn. Comrades not in uniform may appear in dark clothes with Medallion and white gloves. Colors and Guidons not necessary.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WILLIAM JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

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HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

2d Field Artillery Armory, 166th Street and Franklin Avenue

NEW YORK CITY, *May 16, 1914*

**Special Order No. 9**

Series 1913-14

1. The Department Commander having accepted the invitation to act as Marshal of the Spanish War Veteran Division of the Annual Military Field Mass, hereby assumes command.

2. The Service, which is under the auspices of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, will be held on the Parade Ground in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Sunday, May 24th, at 10:30 A. M.

3. Camps will assemble at 9.30 A. M. sharp in numerical order on Cumberland street, right resting on Flushing avenue. Camp Commanders upon arrival will immediately report to the Department Chief of Staff, Alfred J. Kennedy. Department and National Officers will report in person to the Department Commander.



4. Camp Commanders are requested to issue Special Orders covering this event, giving necessary information so that a large representation from this Organization will be present.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,  
*Department Commander.*

Official:

WILLIAM JONES,  
*Department Adjutant.*

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HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Room 53 Edison Hotel

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., *July 6, 1914*

Special Order No. 10

Series 1913-14

1. The following Parade Orders are hereby promulgated: Camps will assemble at 2 P. M. sharp on July 7, 1914, on Nott terrace, right resting on State street, in the following formation:

Department Commander, RALPH H. PARKER.

Department Adjutant, WILLIAM JONES.

Department Quartermaster, T. J. O'DONNELL.

Chief of Staff, A. J. KENNEDY.

STAFF

Revitt's Military Band.

Captain, J. SCOTT BUTTON.

Co. F, 2d Infantry, N. G., S. N. Y., Camps 11, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,  
7, 8.



American Flag from Binghamton, Encampment Parade, Schenectady, N. Y., July 7, 1914





Glens Falls Military Band.

Department Senior Vice-Commander, OLIVER E. ILER.

Camps 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.

Moose Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps.

Department Junior Vice-Commander, THOMAS S. SCOTT.

Camps 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.

H. R. Palmer Camp Military Band.

Department Inspector, ISAAC JOEL.

Camps 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43,  
44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 56.

Second Battalion Fife and Drum Corps.

Department Judge Advocate, CALVIN S. McCHESNEY.

Camps 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75,  
78, 79, 80, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 89.

Electric City Band.

Department Surgeon, FRANK W. ROSS.

Camps 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98.

2. Camps will move in columns of fours. In order to ensure a large attendance, Camp Commanders are requested to use every effort to turn out all representatives of the Camps attending the Encampment.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WILLIAM JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Room 53, Edison Hotel

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., *July 6, 1914*

**Special Order No. 11**

Series 1913-14

1. The commission appointed in Special Order No. 7, series 1913-14, these Headquarters, having reported through its Chairman, the Department Senior Vice Commander O. E. Iler, that they were unable to secure a withdrawal of the charges preferred by Past Commander Frederick Woodhull of Camp No. 19 against Past Commander Harry E. Smith of Camp No. 4, and the Department Commander of the Department of New York being of the firm opinion that the conviction or acquittal of the accused will not promote the best interests of the Organization, therefore, pursuant to the last paragraph of Special Orders No. 13, series 1912-13, issued by National Headquarters, the said original charges and specifications are hereby disapproved.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,  
*Department Commander.*

Official:

WILLIAM JONES,  
*Department Adjutant.*

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Room 53, Edison Hotel

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., *July 6, 1914*

**Special Order No. 12**

Series 1913-14

1. Comrades George W. McCune of Camp No. 2 and Michael F. McNamara of Camp No. 59 are hereby appointed Department Color Sergeants. They will report to the Assistant Department Adjutant John Temme at the Edison Hotel not later than 1:00 p. m., on Tuesday, July 7, 1914, for the purpose of securing the Department Colors and further instructions.

2. Comrades John J. Monsco and Michael Reilly of Camp No. 11 are hereby appointed Assistant Department Marshals. These two Comrades who are members of the Schenectady Police Force will report to the Department Marshal William Gilbert for duty.

By order of

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

Official:

WILLIAM JONES,

*Department Adjutant.*

## ROSTER OF THE CAMPS

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**HEADQUARTERS: SECOND FIELD ARTILLERY ARMORY, 166TH  
STREET AND FRANKLIN AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY**

Headquarters Night Every Friday

Headquarters Telephone, Melrose 5786

Adjutant's Telephone, Woodlawn 1054-R

**MANHATTAN No. 1, NEW YORK CITY**

Commander, Paul Stobbe, 310 West 145th street, New York City.

Adjutant, John A. O'Donnell, 48 Charlton street, New York City.

Quartermaster, Stephen J. Fallon, 504 West 145th street, New York City.

Meets second and fourth Saturdays, 9 and 11 East 59th street.

**M. D. RUSSELL No. 2, TROY**

Commander, Wm. J. Tyner, Jr., 16 Congress street, Troy.

Adjutant, John G. Smyth, 2156 13th street, Troy.

Quartermaster, Jos. F. Tinney, 2344 Broadway, Watervliet.

Meets second and fourth Thursdays, Rensselaer County Court House.

**T. H. BARBER No. 3, BINGHAMTON**

Commander Clarence E. Lathrop, 117 State street, Binghamton.

Adjutant, George E. Russell, 22 Bigelow street, Binghamton.

Quartermaster, William T. Hunt, 6 Congdon place, Binghamton.

Meets first Wednesday, State Armory.

**WM. H. HUBBELL No. 4, BROOKLYN**

Commander, William E. White, 25 Broad street (room 1429), New York City.

Adjutant, Chas. L. Amey, 297 Fenimore street, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, Arthur G. Lowe, 125 Edison avenue, Glendale, L. I.

Meets second and fourth Fridays, Room No. 2, Borough Hall.

GLOUCESTER NAVAL No. 5, BROOKLYN

Commander, Andrew J. Fleming, 44 Sand street, Brooklyn.

Adjutant, Robert N. Mackin, 1664 71st street, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, Wm. J. Finn, 519 Irving avenue, Brooklyn.

Meets first and third Saturdays, Room No. 2, Borough Hall.

HON. S. E. SANFORD No. 6, AMSTERDAM

Commander, James R. Shuttleworth, 14 Bayard street, Amsterdam.

Adjutant, Louis Albrecht, 12 Dunn street, Amsterdam.

Quartermaster, LeRoy Geisler, 21½ McDonnell street, Amsterdam.

Meets Wednesday, U. S. W. V. Hall, 56 East Main street.

NIAGARA FALLS, No. 7, NIAGARA FALLS

Commander, Frederick E. Toy, 1049 South avenue, Niagara Falls.

Adjutant, Frank C. DeVeaux, 422 Seventh avenue, Niagara Falls.

Quartermaster, Willis O. Johnson, 557 Eleventh street, Niagara Falls.

Meets first Monday, State Armory.

WM. R. CARMER No. 8, MT. VERNON

Commander, Reinhardt Krellwitz, 471 South Fifth avenue, Mt. Vernon.

Adjutant, Charles Roeder, 2454 Eighth avenue, Mt. Vernon.

Meets second Thursday, State Armory.

W. A. WILSON No. 9, GLENS FALLS

Commander, Frederick J. Narrow, 26 Chester street, Glens Falls.

Adjutant, Robert Hall, Jr., 7 Marion avenue, Glens Falls.

Quartermaster, Edwin P. Hays, 37 Notre Dame street, Glens Falls.

Meets first Tuesday, G. A. R. Hall.



## THEODORE ROOSEVELT No. 10, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, Geo. Krug, Sr., 464 East 141st street, New York City.

Adjutant, Harry D. O'Dell, 15 East 199th street, New York City.

Quartermaster, Francis J. Lowe, 3 West 103d street, New York City.

Meets first and third Saturday, 148th street and Willis avenue, New York City.

## GEN. EUGENE GRIFFIN No. 11, SCHENECTADY

Commander, Geo. L. Alexander, 7 Wanmer street, Schenectady.

Adjutant, Frank B. Yovits, 209 Edison avenue, Schenectady.

Quartermaster, John T. McNeff, 1207 Eastern avenue, Schenectady.

Meets first and third Wednesdays, State Armory.

## SEYBURN-LISCUM No. 12, BUFFALO

Commander, Thos. F. Provoost, 23 Auchinvole avenue, Buffalo.

Adjutant, Arthur F. Rosebrock, 81 Pennsylvania street, Buffalo.

Quartermaster, Albert Hahn, 708 Mutual Life Bldg., Buffalo.

## 14TH REGIMENT No. 14, BROOKLYN

Commander, Thos. E. Reid, 73 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn.

Adjutant, Alfred Volkens, 268 Twenty-third street, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, Wm. G. Russell, Jr., 366 Second street, Brooklyn.

Meets first and third Friday, 14th Regiment Armory Eighth avenue and 13th street.

## BUCKY O'NEIL No. 15, BUFFALO

Commander, Stanley F. Jakubowski, 1185 Broadway, Buffalo.

Adjutant, Chas. A. Metzler, 179 Normal avenue, Buffalo.

Quartermaster, Otto Gaupp, 2221 Gorton street, Buffalo.

Meets second and fourth Fridays, Labor Temple.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY No. 16, BROOKLYN

Commander, Geo. B. Gainsby, 607 Lexington avenue, Brooklyn.

Adjutant, John H. Walters, 358 Marcy avenue, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, Harry Taylor, 112 N. Henry street, Brooklyn.

Meets first and third Mondays, Room 2, Borough Hall.

MAJ. GEN. R. P. HUGHES No. 17, BUFFALO

Commander, Wm. C. Strauss, 809 Smith street, Buffalo.

Adjutant, Wm. C. Gertz, 1298 Fillmore avenue, Buffalo.

Quartermaster, John F. Hang, 292 Genesee street, Buffalo.

Meets first and third Thursday, New Humboldt Park Hall, 951 Genesee street.

ADMIRAL PHILLIPS No. 18, BROOKLYN

Commander, Jos. E. Allen, 961 DeKalb avenue, Brooklyn.

Adjutant, John A. Duncan, 83 Rochester avenue, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, Lyman Oldman, 53 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn.

Meets first Friday, Room 2, Borough Hall.

OLD GUARD No. 19, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, Alfred H. Torbet, 448 15th street, Brooklyn.

Adjutant, Moses M. Block, 264 West 146th street, New York City.

Quartermaster, T. J. Reardon, 1327 South Boulevard, New York City.

Meets first Wednesday, 22d Regiment Armory.

JOSEPH S. DECKER No. 20, STATEN ISLAND

Commander, Wm. Hillis, Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island.

Adjutant, Ernest W. Redeke, Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island.

Quartermaster, Geo. Romig, Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island.

Meets first and third Thursdays, Fireman's Hall, Broad street, Stapleton, N. Y.

GEN. H. W. LAWTON No. 21, BROOKLYN

Commander, Michael L. E. Walsh, 147 East 91st street, New York City.

Adjutant, Lucien Daileader, 31 Floyd street, Brooklyn.  
 Quartermaster, Peter J. Lauby, 139 Hewes street, Brooklyn.  
 Meets Second and Fourth Thursdays, Lorimer and Ten Eyck streets.

## CAPRON No. 22, BROOKLYN

Commander, Wm. H. Gundrey, 141 Meserole avenue, Brooklyn.  
 Adjutant, J. J. O'Brien, 100 Huron street, Brooklyn.  
 Quartermaster, Wm. F. Morgan, 136 Meserole avenue, Brooklyn.  
 Meets first Thursday, Armory Hall, 114 Calyer street.

## NEW YORK CITY No. 23, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, Jos. Lewis, 1411 Madison avenue, New York City.  
 Adjutant, Jos. Citron, 63 East 106th street, New York City.  
 Quartermaster, Chas. Kleine, 125 West 98th street, New York City.  
 Meets second Friday, West End, 226 West 125th street.

## COL. H. W. HUBBELL No. 24, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, James Lavery, 235 West 71st street, New York City.  
 Adjutant, Louis Fisher, 19 West 116th street, New York City.  
 Quartermaster, Albert Franke, 458 West 41st street, New York City.  
 Meets third Friday in 1st F. A. Armory, 56 West 66th street.

## L. B. SMITH No. 25, ROCHESTER

Commander, Geo. H. Jenkinson, State Armory, Rochester.  
 Adjutant, Claude L. Seiler, 107 Webster avenue, Rochester.  
 Quartermaster, Fred D. Jenkins, care State Hospital, Rochester.  
 Meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 96 State street.

## ROBERT C. ANDERSON No. 26, OSWEGO

Commander, Burton L. Rider, 81½ Lathrop street, Oswego.  
 Adjutant, Roger T. Sherman, Fort Ontario.  
 Quartermaster, Frank J. Gill, 65 Ontario street.

WALLACE F. RANDOLPH No. 27, YONKERS

Commander, Daniel Wolff, City Hall, Yonkers.

Adjutant, Wm. A. Simpson, 10 S. Broadway, Yonkers.

Quartermaster, Richard Carton, 6 Convent avenue, Yonkers.

Meets first Tuesday, City Hall.

CAPT. F. R. PALMER No. 28, ALBANY

Commander Wm. S. Fredenrich, 18 S. Hawk street, Albany.

Adjutant, Wm. H. Kyle, 398 Second street, Albany.

Quartermaster, Warren E. Slack, 11 Providence place, Albany.

Meets Second Tuesday, Capital City Club.

W. S. OVERTON, JR., No. 29, WHITESTONE, L. I.

Commander, Frederick Burns, 144 Linden avenue, Flushing,  
L. I.

Adjutant, Paul V. Pandevelde, 35 Grand avenue, Corona, L. I.

Quartermaster, John M. Niemeyer, 20 West 20th street, White-  
stone, L. I.

Meets first Saturday, Odd Fellows' Hall.

NEPTUNE NAVAL No. 30, BROOKLYN

Commander, Frank Clark, 186 Sanford street, Brooklyn.

Adjutant, John J. Inman, 110 N. Henry street, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, F. G. Simcox, 59 Herbert street, Brooklyn.

Meets fourth Thursday, Room 2, Borough Hall.

GRIFFIN ENGINEERS' No. 31, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, Irving Coon, 543 West 162d street, New York  
City.

Adjutant, James Adlard, 4435 Third avenue, New York City.

Quartermaster, Henry Byers, 5703 Third avenue, Brooklyn.

Meets fourth Thursday, 69th Regiment Armory.

A. C. WELLER No. 32, MIDDLETOWN

Commander, C. H. Pickard, 23 Franklin street, Middletown.

Adjutant, S. E. Lee, 19½ Grand street, Middletown.

Quartermaster, W. H. Chambers, 37 Johns street, Middletown.

Meets last Friday, State Armory.

## EMERSON H. LISCUM No. 33, UTICA

Commander, Philip O'Toole, 506 Varick street, Utica.

Adjutant, Bert E. Liddell, 18 Park place, Utica.

Quartermaster, H. C. Schmalz, 195 Dudley avenue, Utica.

Meets second Friday, Huron Hall.

## H. J. RILEY No. 34, BROOKLYN

Commander, P. G. Delin, 1181 East 35th street, Brooklyn.

Adjutant, Frederick J. Jordan, 459 Sachett street, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, Deitch Dreyer, 245 Woodbine street, Brooklyn.

Meets first and third Tuesdays, Room 2, Borough Hall.

## O. ROSS WHEELER No. 35, UTICA

Commander, M. A. Cooper, 10 Deverue street, Utica.

Adjutant, Frank S. Judson, 101 Seymour avenue, Utica.

Quartermaster, James D. Clifford, 44 Cooper street, Utica.

Meets second Monday, 225 Genesee street.

## DEFENDAM No. 36, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, Alfred C. Armstrong, 145 West 84th street, New York City.

Adjutant, Wm. F. Leuper, 540 East 85th street, New York City.

Quartermaster, Chas. G. Lawrence, 100 East 81st street, New York City.

Meets second Tuesday, 22d Regiment Armory.

## N. W. CROSBY No 37, NEW ROCHELLE

Commander, John F. Flanagan, Huguenot Street School, New Rochelle.

Adjutant, Gustave Mueller, 33 Chauncey avenue, New Rochelle.

Quartermaster, Michael J. Buckley, 49 Warren street, New Rochelle.

Meets second Wednesday, City Hall.

## GEN. GUY V. HENRY, No. 38, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, Peter J. O'Brien, 18 West 100th street, New York City.

Adjutant, Andrew E. Burke, 248 East 23d street, New York City.

Quartermaster, John J. McCarthy, 644 Coster street, Bronx.  
Meets first and third Thursdays, 200 East 45th street.

MAJOR L. B. LAWTON No. 39, AUBURN

Commander, Charles H. Manro, 2 Lansing street, Auburn.  
Adjutant, Edgar A. Rose, 261½ Lewis street, Auburn.  
Quartermaster, James E. Osterhout, 11 Sumner avenue,  
Auburn.  
Meets fourth Thursday, State Armory.

E. M. HOFFMAN No. 40, ELMIRA

Commander, Lee W. Card, New York State Reformatory,  
Elmira.  
Adjutant, C. E. Cortright, 111 Harmon street, Elmira.  
Quartermaster, Jos. Wardinski, 179 State street, Elmira.  
Meets second and fourth Mondays, State Armory.

COL. WALTER SCOTT No. 42, ONEONTA

Commander, F. M. H. Jackson, P. O. Box 160, Oneonta.  
Adjutant, F. E. Neal, 47 Spruce street, Oneonta.  
Quartermaster, C. L. Hotaling, 66 Beaver street, Cooperstown.  
Meets second Friday, State Armory, Fairview and Academy  
streets.

GEORGE D. RUSSELL No. 43, BROOKLYN

Commander Robinson Germond, 96 Lott avenue, Union Course,  
L. I.  
Adjutant, Wm. Paynter, 634 48th street, Brooklyn.  
Quartermaster, John L. Lowton, 769 Union street, Brooklyn.  
Meets second Saturday, 13th Regiment Armory.

MAJOR JOHN J. SAGUE No. 44, POUGHKEEPSIE

Commander, A. C. Odell, Park avenue, Poughkeepsie.  
Adjutant, Frank L. Bissell, 5 Hammersley avenue.  
Quartermaster, Abraham L. DeVries, 44 Harrison street,  
Poughkeepsie.  
Meets second Tuesday, State Armory.

## S. M. PORTER No. 45, JAMESTOWN

Commander Wm. O. Isaacson, Barret avenue, Jamestown.  
 Adjutant, Wm. L. Beck, 7 East Third street, Jamestown.  
 Quartermaster, Frederick W. Hyde, National Chautauqua  
 County Bank, Jamestown.  
 Meets State Armory, South Main street.

## SERGT. HAMILTON FISH No. 46, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, J. Harrie Burdge, 1816 Anthony avenue, New  
 York City.  
 Adjutant, William E. Whiting, 251 West 92nd street, New  
 York City.  
 Quartermaster, George W. Harris, 1637 Avenue A, New York  
 City.

## BARON STEUBEN No. 47, HORNELL

Commander, Bert Santee, care State Armory, Hornell.  
 Adjutant, Fred J. Pierce, State Armory, Hornell.  
 Quartermaster, Bert Arwine, 45 Adsit street, Hornell.  
 Meets second Friday, State Armory.

## ADMIRAL SAMPSON No. 48, BROOKLYN

Commander, E. Erdle, 41 Hackensack street, East Rutherford,  
 N. J.  
 Adjutant, J. F. Spolders, 571 66th street, Brooklyn.  
 Quartermaster, Wm. H. Doggrell, 31 S. Greenwood, Richmond  
 Hill, L. I.  
 Meets second and fourth Saturdays, Room 2, Borough Hall.

## NAVAL No. 49, BROOKLYN

Commander, L. J. Pettersen, 162 Chestnut street, Nutley, N. J.  
 Adjutant, J. Everetts, 1917 East 48th street, Brooklyn.  
 Quartermaster, H. P. Hogelund, 2006 Palmetto street,  
 Brooklyn.  
 Meets second and fourth Tuesday, Lyric Hall, 329 Atlantic  
 avenue.

COL. VROOMAN No. 51, HERKIMER

Commander, Chas. E. Garlock, Mohawk street, Herkimer.

Adjutant, F. W. Christman, Herkimer.

Quartermaster, Henry Voight, Jr., South Main street, Herkimer.

Meets third Tuesday, Grange Hall.

F. C. WARNER, No. 52, ILION

Commander, Merton Pudney, Ilion.

Adjutant, Julius Werner, Franklin.

Quartermaster, Wm. H. Spurr, Ilion.

Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, A. O. H. Hall.

MAJOR FRANK KECK No. 53, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, Geo. J. Conlin, 1980 Marion avenue, Bronx.

Adjutant, Sheridan Gorton, Jr., 5000 Broadway, New York City.

Quartermaster, Fred Bohlig, 319 West 137th street, New York City.

Meets fourth Monday, West End Building, 226 West 125th street.

LOUIS W. CARLISLE No. 56, WATERTOWN

Commander, M. D. Carlin, 634 Mundy street, Watertown.

Adjutant, H. O. Clair, 322 Clay street, Watertown.

Quartermaster, W. G. Van Tusen, 824 Holcomb street, Watertown.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday, State Armory.

SARATOGA No. 58, SARATOGA SPRINGS

Commander, Richard A. Cooney, 46 Church street, Saratoga Springs.

Adjutant, Fred W. Dunson, care Post Office, Saratoga Springs.

Quartermaster, Walter McNaughton, Jr., 6 Church street, Saratoga Springs.

Meets fourth Wednesday, G. A. R. Hall.



## DAVID WILSON No. 59, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, Ben. Rosenberg, 1563 Hoe avenue, Bronx.

Adjutant, Fred Schroeder, 525 Tinton avenue, Bronx.

Quartermaster, Otto Walter, 11 Gouverneur place, Bronx.

Meets first and third Wednesday, 177th street and Third avenue.

## CAPT. ALLYN K. CAPRON No. 60, OLEAN

Commander, Arthur F. Austin, 1305 West State street, Olean.

Adjutant, Herbert C. Perkins, Box 515, Olean.

Quartermaster, Gaius C. Smith, 647 East State street, Olean.

Meets first and third Thursday, State Armory.

## HUGO E. KRUSE No. 61, CORONA, L. I.

Commander, Frank Blasso, 37 Lawn avenue, Corona, L. I.

Adjutant, James F. Hyslop, 76 Evergreen street, Corona, L. I.

Quartermaster, Wm. Connor, 35 Lawn avenue, Corona, L. I.

Meets second Tuesday, Fireman's Hall.

## WM. MCKINLEY No. 62, BROOKLYN

Commander, Wm. S. Goodwin, 229 Ryerson street, Brooklyn.

Adjutant, Daniel Arundell, 189 Baltic street, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, Wm. S. Asch, 25 St. Charles place, Brooklyn.

Meets last Saturday, 217 Court street.

## ADMIRAL B. H. McCALLA No. 65, BROOKLYN

Commander, Frank P. Mang, 200 West 94th street, New York City.

Adjutant, Rocco Ferguson, 73 Taffe place, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, Frank Lohr, 29 Steuben street, Brooklyn.

Meets fourth Monday, Teutonia Hall, Harrison and Bartlett streets.

## CAPT. GEO. H. TILLEY No. 66, JAMAICA, L. I.

Commander, Charles H. Wenz, Prospect street, Cedar Manor, Jamaica, L. I.

Adjutant, John A. Miller, 327 Washington street, Jamaica, L. I.

Quartermaster, James A. Little, 252 Pacific street, Jamaica, L. I.

Meets first and third Wednesday, Town Hall.

JOHN V. SEARLES No. 67, FLUSHING, L. I.

Commander, Alfred J. Tooker, 145 22d street, Flushing, L. I.

Adjutant, Daniel F. Kennedy, 193 Lincoln street, Flushing,  
L. I.

Quartermaster, Richard H. Brown, 284 Washington street,  
Flushing, L. I.

Meets first Friday, State Armory.

NEWELL RISING No. 68, PORT CHESTER

Commander, William A. Darcey, Rye.

Adjutant, Jules Lecocq, North Main street, Port Chester.

Quartermaster, Robert E. Dunton, North Main street, Port  
Chester.

Meets third Tuesday, Centennial Hall, Main street.

ADMIRAL COOK No. 69, HAVERSTRAW

Commander, J. P. Fitzgerald, Tompkins Cove.

Adjutant, Frank Springstead, 8 Conklin avenue, Haverstraw.

Quartermaster, Paul F. Howard, Iona Island.

Meets second Saturday, Town Hall.

HUDSON No. 71, HUDSON

Commander, Wm. F. Sausliex, 91 Prospect avenue, Hudson.

Adjutant, H. M. Saulpaugh, 31 Eighth street, Hudson.

Quartermaster, Frank S. Clapper, 509 Union street, Hudson.

Meets fourth Monday, State Armory.

JOS. J. TULLY No. 72, CORNING

Commander, Wm. A. Spencer, R. D. No. 5, Corning.

Adjutant, Claude F. Doud, 260 Watauga avenue, Corning.

Quartermaster, J. W. Sweet, 281 E. Erie avenue, Corning.

Meets first and third Wednesday, Maccabee Hall.

THOS. H. BARRY No. 73, BROOKLYN

Commander Geo. W. Preese, 614 44th street, Brooklyn.

Adjutant, Frederick W. Stolley, 311 45th street, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, Henry Zulauf, 312 55th street, Brooklyn.

Meets first and third Wednesday, Third avenue and 54th street.

## DAVID J. JOHNSON No. 74, COHOES

Commander, Robert Ray, 82 Ontario street, Cohoes.  
 Adjutant, Joseph Ruddy, 246 Saratoga street, Cohoes.  
 Quartermaster, Wm. Roso, 52 Oneida street, Cohoes.  
 Meets last Wednesday, G. A. R. Hall.

## COLONIAL No. 75, KINGSTON

Commander, Arthur C. Baylor, 485 Washington street, Kings-  
 ton.  
 Adjutant, E. D. Fitzgerald, Armory, Kingston.  
 Quartermaster, Peter J. Halloran, 51 Clifton avenue, Kingston.  
 Meets first Sunday, Armory.

## HUDSON B. MOORE No. 78, NEWBURGH.

Commander, Wm. H. Holley, 360 Broadway, Newburgh.  
 Adjutant, Abram V. Burton, 36 Concord street, Newburgh.  
 Quartermaster, Geo. F. Chapman, 31 High street, Newburgh.  
 Meets first and third Wednesday, 117 Broadway.

## THOS. C. FITZGERALD No. 79, WHITE PLAINS

Commander, Edward J. Wilson, 28 Crawaupum street, White  
 Plains.  
 Adjutant and Quartermaster, Malcolm C. Fraser, 176 Rail-  
 road avenue, White Plains.

## CAPT. MALCOLM A. RAFFERTY No. 80, LONG ISLAND CITY

Commander, John Leya, 11 N. Burroughs avenue, Winfield  
 Junction, L. I.  
 Adjutant, Frank Sluka, 34 Hyatt avenue, Winfield Junction,  
 L. I.  
 Quartermaster, Henry J. Schaefer, 233 Vernon avenue, Long  
 Island City.  
 Meets first Thursday, Queens County Court House.

## SERGT. CHAS. SMITH No. 81, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Commander, Geo. A. Holland.  
 Adjutant, W. B. Crawford.  
 Quartermaster, W. W. Robinson, 24th U. S. Infantry, P. I.  
 Meets second Thursdays, Post Hall, Camp McGrath, P. I.

ADMIRAL JOS. G. COGHLAN No. 82, BROOKLYN

Commander, Wm. A. Reardon, 132 Hale street, Brooklyn.

Adjutant, H. F. Ebert, 179 Chestnut street, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, John B. Ripp, 557 Shepherd avenue, Brooklyn.

Meets first and third Mondays, Penn Fulton Hall, Pa., and Fulton avenues.

LOCKPORT No. 83, LOCKPORT

Commander, C. W. Dittewig, 247 Pine street, Lockport.

Adjutant, Jos. Powers, 15 West avenue, Lockport.

Quartermaster, John M. Hoefflick, 54 Lock street, Lockport.

Meets first and third Wednesday, G. A. R. Hall.

MAJ. GEN. GEORGE F. ELLIOTT No. 84, BROOKLYN

Commander, Wm. Carter, 1033 71st street, Brooklyn.

Adjutant, Louis Martin, 131 Ryerson street, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, Benj. Duff, 1033 71st street, Brooklyn.

Meets first Thursday, Marine Barracks.

WEST POINT No. 85, WEST POINT

Commander, John T. Dannell, West Point.

Adjutant, Joseph E. Grady, West Point.

Quartermaster, Andrew Rheude, West Point.

Meets second and fourth Thursday, Post Exchange.

COL. J. C. BUTLER, No. 86, SYRACUSE

Commander, Russell A. Babcock, 1000 Geddes street, Syracuse.

Adjutant, L. E. Sitterly, 116 East Castle street, Syracuse.

Quartermaster, Chas. Pickrell, 704 Montgomery street, Syracuse.

Meets first and third Thursdays, Moose Temple, 470 S. Salina street.

PHILIPPINE No. 87, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, J. Herbert Roe, 637 Bergen avenue, Bronx.

Adjutant, F. Van Buren, 438 East 164th street, Bronx.

Quartermaster, Harry Grossberger, 1032 Falle street, Bronx.

Meets second Thursday, Second Battery Armory.

## GEN. JOS. WHEELER No. 89, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, Timothy J. Dunigan, 448 West 163rd street, New York City.

Adjutant, Geo. W. Bradley, 230 West 123rd street, New York City.

Quartermaster, Frank E. McNally, 500 West 178th street, New York City.

Meets first and third Tuesdays, Corrigan Hall, 561 West 157th street.

## ADMIRAL WM. P. POTTER, No. 90, WHITEHALL

Commander, John J. Kelly, Whitehall.

Adjutant, Horatio S. Douglas, Whitehall.

Quartermaster, Clinton C. Yemens, Whitehall.

Meets first Thursday, State Armory.

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN No. 91, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, Thomas F. Dawkins, 1022 Ogden avenue, New York City.

Adjutant, Edward A. Reardon, 7306 Sixth avenue, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, Frank M. Lawless, 618 16th street, Brooklyn.

Meets second and fourth Mondays, 69th Regiment Armory.

## EMPIRE CITY No. 92, BROOKLYN

Commander, Bernard J. Walsh, 515 West 184th street, New York City.

Adjutant, James Curtin, 539 Kosciusko street, Brooklyn.

Quartermaster, Walter F. Allen, 1119 49th street, Brooklyn.

Meets second Thursday, Room 2, Borough Hall.

## SIXTY-NINTH REGIMENT No. 93, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, Gerald J. O'Keefe, 1170 West Farms Road, Bronx.

Adjutant, James P. Gill, 1137 Longfellow avenue, New York City.

Quartermaster, Amos H. Nichol, 451 E. 138th street, New York City.

Meets first and third Friday, 69th Regiment Armory.

GEN. STEPHEN MOFFITT No. 94, PLATTSBURG

Commander, Henry F. Mullarky, 119 Cornelia street, Plattsburg.

Adjutant, E. E. Crawford, Post-office Box 148, Plattsburg.

Quartermaster, John J. Callaway, Post-office Box 148, Plattsburg.

Meets first and third Wednesday, City Hall.

CAPT. M. W. MARVIN No. 96, WALTON

Commander, J. Harris Sawyer, 77 Stockton avenue, Walton.

Adjutant, A. E. Oothoudt, State Armory, Walton.

Quartermaster, H. J. Rogers, High street, Walton.

Meets second Wednesday, State Armory.

COL. JOHN JACOB ASTOR No. 98, NEW YORK CITY

Commander, Patrick Garrahy, 348 St. Nicholas avenue, New York City.

Adjutant, Albert A. Reiling, 184 East 101st street, New York City.

Quartermaster, Peter H. Schmidt, 1885 Cornelia street, Brooklyn.

Meets second and fourth Saturdays, St. Paul's Parish House, 20 Vesey street.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

601 House Building

PITTSBURG, PA., *September 7, 1913.*

**General Orders No. 1**

Series 1913-1914

1. Having been duly elected Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans at the State Convention of the Tenth National Encampment, held in Buffalo, N. Y., September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1913, I hereby assume command.

2. National Headquarters will be continued at 601-2-3 House Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., until further notice.

3. The staff of the Commander-in-Chief will remain in office until formally relieved from duty.

By order of

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

ARTHUR A. MOORE,

*Adjutant-General.*

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

601 House Building

PITTSBURGH, PA., *September 10, 1913.*

General Orders No. 2

Series 1913-1914

1. The following National Officers are hereby relieved from duty as such, effective September 15, 1913:

Chief of Staff, Walter Reynolds.

Adjutant-General, Arthur A. Moore.

Quartermaster-General, Alfred G. Loyd.

Judge Advocate-General, A. F. W. Siebel.

Provost Marshal, George E. Bentel.

Assistant Adjutant-General, Henry F. Egle.

Assistant Quartermaster-General, P. Samuel Rigney.

2. The following appointments are hereby announced, effective September 16, 1913:

Adjutant-General, Gustave E. Rauch, Washington, D. C.

Quartermaster-General, Howard M. Peter, Washington, D. C.

Assistant Adjutant-General, James E. Maynard, Washington, D. C.

3. National Headquarters is established in the Southern Building, Washington, D. C., where all communications should be addressed.

4. All matter intended for the Spanish War Review should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant-General.

By order of

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

ARTHUR A. MOORE,

*Adjutant-General.*

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

WASHINGTON, D. C., *October 20, 1913.*

**General Orders No. 3**

Series 1913-1914

1. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Chief of Staff, Michael J. Donohue, Streator, Ill.

Judge Advocate-General, Geo. N. Skipworth, Richmond, Va.

Inspector-General, Sheridan Ferree, Washington, D. C.

Patriotic Instructor, Wm. F. Dusseault, Lynn, Mass.

Provost Marshal, G. Leyburn Shorey, Washington, D. C.

Chief Musician, Harry E. Ward, Jersey City, N. J.

2. The following committee is hereby announced:

*Special Advisory Committee*

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. English, Indianapolis, Ind.,  
Chairman.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles R. Miller, Cleveland, Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief Willis W. Stover, Boston, Mass.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward, Buffalo, N. Y.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter S. Hale, Boston, Mass.

Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. W. Newton, Hartford, Conn.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Gihon, Wakefield, Mass.

Past Commander-in-Chief Jos. R. H. Jacoby, Seattle, Wash.

Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons, New York City.

Past Commander-in-Chief Oscar T. Taylor, Pittsburgh, Pa.



The duties assigned to the Special Advisory Committee are to assist the Commander-in-Chief in the onerous and responsible duties of the office, and to officially represent the Commander-in-Chief at all official and social functions held under the auspices of any branch of the organization when present.

3. The appointment of E. W. Harkins as Provisional Division Commander of the Provisional Division of Georgia is hereby revoked.

Comrade George N. Watson of Atlanta, Ga., is hereby appointed Provisional Division Commander of the Provisional Division of Georgia.

4. The appointment of the following Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby announced:

*California.*—Will Kelly, Fresno; R. H. Harris, Santiago; F. G. Booth, San Bernardino.

*The Columbia.*—F. H. Crumbly, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ferdinand Bryant, Oakland, Cal.; John W. Norton, Fort Logan, Colo.

*District of Columbia.*—William C. Hudson, Washington; Daniel V. Chisholm, Washington; J. Ligon King, Washington; Joseph J. Harvey, Washington.

*Florida.*—D. W. Shea, Tampa; J. D. Points, Palatka; J. S. Maxwell, Jacksonville.

*Colorado.*—H. C. Fields, Denver; R. T. Cemp, Trinidad; M. J. Harrison, Puebla.

*Montana.*—L. Lester Lee, Helena; C. G. Rochon, Anaconda; Chas. E. Dodge, Missoula.

*Ohio.*—Chas. L. Gebauer, Cleveland; Thomas E. Andrews, Marion; Earnest A. Koelle, Columbus.

*Oklahoma.*—Wirt L. Peters, Enid; E. H. Abbington, Oklahoma City; Wm. M. Crawford, Muskogee.

*Georgia.*—John S. Madden, Atlanta.

*Illinois.*—Edward H. White, Chicago; B. F. Bliss, Springfield.

*Indiana.*—John N. LeHew, Warsaw; Beecher Troutman, Crawfordsville; Harvey W. Eiser, Huntington.

*Vermont.*—Hon. Frank L. Green, Washington, D. C.; Col. H. Edward Dyer, Rutland; E. J. Waterman, Brattleboro.

*Wisconsin.*—Albert Toepfer, Sheboygan; Adolph Schmidt, Madison; Earl Pearsall, Eau Claire.

5. National Headquarters has just received the information that the Books of Ceremonies will be ready for distribution by the first of December.

6. Charters have been issued to the following Camps:

*Canal Zone.*—Chagres Camp No. 1, unattached. (A consolidation of Camps 1 and 2, Canal Zone.)

*Connecticut.*—William H. Hamilton Camp No. 20, Danielson.

*Iowa.*—Eddie Nelson Camp No. 15, Boone.

*New Jersey.*—Major John R. Lynch Camp No. 30, Atlantic City.

*New York.*—Colonel John Jacob Astor Camp No. 98, New York City.

*Pennsylvania.*—Major B. C. Tilgham, Jr., Camp No. 61, Philadelphia; Sergeant James J. Quinn Camp No. 62, St. Clair; Martin H. Smith Camp No. 67, Wrightsville.

7. The following Camps which were suspended are hereby reinstated:

*New York.*—Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, Oswego.

*Pennsylvania.*—Sergeant Walter A. Wilson Camp No. 34, Meadville; John J. Cann Camp No. 32, Oil City; Norristown Camp No. 52, Norristown.

8. The following Camps are hereby suspended on recommendation of the respective Department Commanders for failure to render reports and pay per capita tax:

*Indiana.*—Berry Camp No. 41, Mishawaka.

*Montana.*—Harry C. Kessler Camp No. 10, Livingston.

*Oklahoma.*—Harry W. Lawton Camp No. 6, Lawton.

9. Application for charter from the following Camp has been received and approved:

*Illinois.*—Camp No. —, Quincy.

10. The following information is desired for the purposes as indicated:

*For Pensions*

Comrade Edward E. Owens of Fayetteville, N. Y., desires to hear from members of Company I, 26th U. S. Volunteers, or from men who served with Company B, 21st U. S. Infantry, in 1905-6-7.

Eugene Flaherty, Stanley street, Attleboro Falls, Mass., desires to hear from any Comrades who served with him in Company A, 22d U. S. Infantry, in Cuba in 1898.

The widow of Bernard Mulhern desires to hear from Comrades who served with her husband on the Wabash in 1898. All communications should be addressed to H. F. Chamberlain, Adjutant, Camp No. 2, U. S. W. V., 69 High street, Brockton, Mass.

The widow and daughter of the late Wm. S. Heisinger, desires to hear from any Comrades who served with her husband in Company I, 6th U. S. Infantry, from January 27, 1899, to January 17, 1902. Kindly address all communications to Fred W. Dunson, Adjutant, Camp No. 58, U. S. W. V., care Post Office, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Charles Setmeyer desires to hear from any Comrade who served with him in Company F, 19th U. S. Infantry, 1898-1899. Address all communications to Chas. Setmeyer, R. R. No. 4, Belleville, Ill.

Comrade Mark L. Grosh, Hicksville, Ohio, desires to learn of the whereabouts of any of the ship's company of the U. S. ship *Alliance* — especially those who served during August, September and October, 1898.

Comrade F. W. Tempes, Schofield Building, Vancouver, Wash., desires to learn the address of any of the former members of Company G, 1st Regiment, Washington Vol. Inf.

James G. MacNuff desires to hear from any of the shipmates who served with J. G. Morgan on the U. S. S. *Fern*, or the U. S. S. *Prairie* during the Spanish War or after the close of the same. Address James G. McNuff, Northern Pacific Hotel, 422 Sherman street, Chicago, Ill.

John C. Muller, 208 West 45th street, Los Angeles, Cal., desires to learn the whereabouts of any shipmates who served with him on the Monitor Jason; or to hear from any one who can give him the address of the following who served with him: John C. McEvitt, Chas. C. Reid, T. McGreal, E. F. Van Norman; O. J. Gette, F. W. Walker, Frank Cappeleen, Paul C. Crowley, Jeremiah Crowley, William M. Chapman.

Comrade James McHale, 313 West Drinke street, Dunmore, Pa., would like to hear from any Comrades who were members

of the 47th Regimental Hospital Corps at Lagaspi, P. I., especially those who remember the said McHale being bitten by a centipede in the hospital at Lagaspi.

Dr. Charles E. Earnheart, 415 North Harvey street, Oklahoma City, Okla., desires to get into communication with Comrades who knew him in the 3rd Reserve Hospital, Manila, P. I., in July and August, 1900.

Information is desired as to the whereabouts of the following:

Comrade William H. Bertsch, 208 Dean Building, South Bend, Ind., desires information as to the whereabouts of Andrew Russworm, late of Company E, 1st U. S. Infantry.

Arthur B. Spink, 184 Althea street, Providence, R. I., desires information of Joseph J. Mullholland, late private Light Battery A, 1st Artillery, R. I. Volunteers; last known address, Portola, Cal., where he worked for the Feather River Lumber Co. The above information is desired for his mother.

Mrs. J. F. Black, 63rd and Montgomery streets, South Tacoma, Wash., wishes to locate her brother, R. E. Munson, who served in Company A, South Dakota.

Mrs. J. C. Brown desires to learn the whereabouts of her husband who disappeared suddenly from his home in St. Louis, Mo., about the first of August. Comrade Brown is about six feet in height and weighs about 200 pounds; sandy complexion; well educated; served in the Philippine Islands and China in Battery A, 3rd U. S. Artillery; rank of first sergeant at discharge. Please address any information as to his present whereabouts to F. W. Cheever, 2114 Accomac street, St. Louis, Mo.

By order of

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

G. E. RAUSCH,

*Adjutant-General.*

## UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Southern Building

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 24, 1914.

General Orders No. 4

Series 1913-1914

1. The appointment of Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas F. Lynch as a member of the Special Advisory Committee is hereby announced.

2. The following committees are hereby announced:

*Special Advisory Legislative Committee.*—Hon. Wm. F. Murray, Chairman, Boston, Mass.; Hon. Wm. Hughes, Paterson, N. J.; Hon. James Hamilton Lewis, Chicago, Ill.; Hon. Miles Poindexter, Spokane, Wash.; Hon. Wm. Schley Howard, Decatur, Ga.; Hon. Frank L. Greene, St. Albans, Vt.; Hon. Sam R. Sells, Johnson City, Tenn.; Hon. Claude U. Stone, Peoria, Ill.; Hon. Roy O. Woodruff, Bay City, Mich.; Hon. Sydney Anderson, Lanseboro, Minn.

*Legislative Committee.*—F. S. Hodgson, Past Department Commander, Washington, D. C., Chairman; J. A. Costello, Department Commander, Washington, D. C.; D. V. Chisholm, Past Department Commander, Washington, D. C.; James E. Maynard, Assistant Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.; C. A. Williams, Junior Vice Department Commander, Washington, D. C.

*Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Committee.*—Dr. M. G. Cockey, Past Surgeon General, Chairman, Salina, Kan.; Theodore E. Bock, Past Department Commander, Hamilton, Ohio; Fred Beshore, Marion, Ind.; Dr. J. E. Hendrickson, Department Surgeon, National Soldiers' Home, Va.; Dr. J. W. Cox, Commander Camp No. 2, Johnson City, Tenn.; Frank F. Jones, Youngstown, Ohio; Dr. Frank W. Ross, Department Surgeon, Elmira, N. Y.

All matters pertaining to Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes should be addressed to the Chairman of this Committee.

3. The appointment of the following Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby announced:

*Cuba*.—James F. Case, Havana.

*District of Columbia*.—Ollie M. Schriver, Washington.

*New Hampshire*.—Frank E. Rollins, Dover; Thomas A. Reed, Manchester; Mark O. Cooper, Newport.

*Iowa*.—E. C. Johnson, Cedar Rapids.

*Kansas*.—C. G. Church, Ft. Leavenworth; Elmer S. Brick, Salina; Wilson B. Smith, Salina.

*Kentucky*.—Henry Baass, Louisville; J. P. Frederickson, Lexington; B. F. Reilley, Newport.

*Maine*.—C. Omer Porter, Westbrook; John S. Raulett, Jr., Rockland; J. H. O'Brien, Bangor.

*Massachusetts*.—William B. Munsel, Newton; Fred W. Northrup, Attleboro; William M. Hogan, Cambridge.

*Maryland*.—Edgar Mumma, Hagerstown.

*Minnesota*.—Patrick Miller, St. Paul; Fred. M. Schutte, Duluth; J. N. Nicholson, Austin.

*Missouri*.—Ernest Kretschmar, St. Louis; A. A. Marquardt, St. Louis; Frank Ward, Kansas City.

*New Mexico*.—Elmer E. Studley, Raton; Henry A. Ingalls, Roswell; Mark O. Cooper, Newport.

*New York*.—Julius Schiller, West Point; Charles E. Beilman, Buffalo; Patrick F. Harney, New York; James S. Long, Brooklyn.

*Oklahoma*.—George Paschal, Talequah.

*Pennsylvania*.—L. M. Phelps, Erie; Howard T. Bluett, Philadelphia.

*South Carolina*.—John Murname, Charleston.

*Texas*.—C. S. Riche, Galveston; John Leech, Galveston; O. P. Storm, Dallas.

*Utah*.—C. R. Williams, Salt Lake City; L. C. Meek, Ogden; A. L. Leichs, Ft. Douglas.

*Wisconsin*.—Frank S. Kubatski, Milwaukee.

*Washington and Asaska*.—Thomas J. Kennedy, Seattle; J. J. Cairns, Vancouver; Charles A. Turner, Everett.

4. Charters have been issued to the following Camps:

*Florida*.—De Soto Camp No. 6, Arcadia.

*Minnesota.*—Gen. Arthur MacArthur Camp No. 16, Minneapolis; Major F. H. Bidwell Camp No. 17, Virginia.

*Ohio.*—Vovie Camp No. 76, Gallipolis.

*North Dakota.*—Fort Buford Camp No. 2, Williston.

*Pennsylvania.*—Bellis Camp No. 63, Kattaning.

5. Applications for charters from the following Camps have been received and approved:

*Illinois.*—Camp No. —, Lawrenceville; Camp No. 71, Lincoln.

*Ohio.*—Camp No. —, Circelville; Camp No. —, London; Camp No. —, Washington Court House.

*Oregon.*—Camp No. —, McMinnville.

*Pennsylvania.*—Camp No. 68, York.

*The Columbia.*—Camp No. 7, Seattle, Wash.

6. The following Camps are hereby ordered disbanded, upon recommendation of their respective Department Commanders:

*Maine.*—Portland Camp No. 6, Portland.

*The Potomac.*—Albert J. Wonde Camp No. 7, Alexandria, Va.

7. The following Camp has surrendered its charter:

*North Carolina.*—Lawton Camp No. 2, Fort Caswell.

8. In compliance with the action of the Tenth Annual National Encampment a per capita tax of 45 cents is hereby levied for the year 1914, of which 22½ cents per capita is payable upon the report of December 31, 1913, and 22½ cents upon the report of June 30, 1914.

Comrades are again reminded that this amount entitles every Comrade in good standing to the National Organ.

9. Department Commanders and Camp Commanders elected for the ensuing year should promptly appoint Patriotic Instructors, as provided for by the Tenth National Encampment. For the information of Patriotic Instructors a schedule of duties devolving upon them is printed on the inside of front cover in this issue of the Review.

10. Department Commanders are again reminded of the fact that where departments handle supplies for their respective Camps 33⅓ per cent. discount is only allowed on certain supplies when the requisition amounts to \$25 or over. Where ex-

ceptions have been made they were made in order not to delay the business of the Department, and not by revocation of any former orders. Strict compliance with this provision will be insisted upon after Department officers have had sufficient time to receive this order.

11. Department and Camp Commanders are urgently requested to send in their requisitions for the new Book of Ceremonies, so that immediately upon delivery of these books by the printer they can be forwarded, as it is the sincere desire of the Commander-in-Chief that every installing officer use this book in the installation of officers for the ensuing year.

The Book of Ceremonies is, unlike the ritual, obtainable by any Comrade in good standing upon his making proper requisition for the same, and should appeal to every one interested in the performance of the various ceremonies depicted therein. The price of this book will be 75 cents a copy.

12. A sufficient supply of semi-annual, retiring Commander's installation, and inspection report blanks has been forwarded to the various Department Headquarters for their respective Camps. All requests for these blanks should be made to Department Headquarters.

13. Adjutant's and Quartermasters' rank straps: On account of the change made in these rank straps, it has been necessary to increase the price from 75 cents to \$1 apiece, and the complete badge from \$1.25 to \$1.50.

14. Within the next week or two National Headquarters will be in a position to furnish, upon proper requisition, a new cap device, which is a replica of the gold-embroidered eagle, except that the eagle is made of heavy gilt and the letters of silver metal.

The device is of superior quality, both in workmanship and design.

15. Comrades are again earnestly requested that whenever making requests for change in address not to fail to send in both the old and the new address, the Department, and the number of the Camp.

16. It appears that one Hollister G. Pond, claiming to be a member in good standing of General Nelson A. Miles Camp No. 1, District of Columbia, has been soliciting assistance among the



Camps in the New England States. The Commander of Miles Camp would like to have it understood that this man is not a member of his Camp and has not been for some years.

By order,

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

G. E. RAUSCH,

*Adjutant-General.*

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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WASHINGTON, D. C. *December 24, 1913.*

**General Orders No. 5**

Series 1913-1914

1. The appointment of Hon. Willis J. Hulings as a member of the Special Advisory Legislative Committee is hereby announced.

2. It is suggested that the various Department Commanders immediately appoint Department Legislative Committees, which Committees are to co-operate with the National Legislative Committee in their efforts to secure the passage of the widows and orphans' pension bill during the present session of Congress; and every Comrade of the Organization is expected to get in direct communication with his Congressman and Senators and urge them to give their support to this most worthy measure.

Following are the Committees in whose hands the fate of this bill rests, as it is confidently expected that, if the bill is favorably reported by these committees, it will pass in both the House and Senate.

*Committee on Pensions (U. S. Senate)*

Benjamin F. Shively, of Indiana; Nathan P. Bryan, of Florida; Charles F. Johnson, of Maine; Henry F. Ashurst, of Arizona; William Hughes, of New Jersey; Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana; Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoma; Porter J. McCumber,

of North Dakota; Reed Smoot, of Utah; William O. Bradley, of Kentucky; Miles Poindexter, of Washington; Nathan Goff, of West Virginia; Thomas Sterling of South Dakota.

*Committee on Pensions (U. S. House of Representatives)*

William Richardson, of Alabama; Charles R. Crisp, of Georgia; John A. Key, of Ohio; Harry H. Dale, of New York; Edward Keating, of Colorado; Sanford Kirkpatrick, of Iowa; Frank O. Smith, of Maryland; Frank L. Dershem, of Penna; Sam R. Sells, of Tennessee; Frank L. Greene, of Vermont; Edgar R. Kiess, of Pennsylvania; Samuel B. Avis, of West Virginia; Anderson H. Walters, of Penna; William H. Murray, of Oklahoma.

3. The appointment of the following Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby announced:

*Arkansas.*—Row Brown, Hot Springs.

*Georgia.*—O. K. Fletcher, Augusta.

*Hawaii.*—Otto Schwerdefeger, Honolulu.

*Nebraska.*—M. C. Shipherd, Fremont; James D. Baker, Lincoln.

*New York.*—A. O. Mathesius, New York City.

*The Potomac.*—Wm. H. Butler, St. Louis, Mo.; Jas. H. Ballard, Alexandria, Va.; R. Hill, Petersburg, Va.

*Washington and Alaska.*—J. Grant Hinkle, Olympia; Herbert Meyers, Seattle.

4. A charter has been issued to the following Camp:

*Illinois.*—Lincoln Camp No. 71, Lincoln.

5. Applications for charter from the following Camps have been received and approved:

*Iowa.*—Camp No. —, Muscatine.

*Ohio.*—Camp No. —, Coshocton; Camp No. —, State Soldiers' Home; Camp No. 29, Delaware (for re-organization); Camp No. 54, Mt. Vernon (for re-organization); Camp No. —, Portsmouth.

*Oklahoma.*—Camp No. 15, Tulsa.

*The Columbia.*—Camp No. —, Topeka, Kansas.

6. Section 1, article 9, part 2, of our Rules and Regulations was amended at the last National Encampment so as to read

\* \* \* "provided, however, that no Camp shall be required to pay per capita tax based upon the semi-annual report rendered at the end of the term in which it shall be instituted."

7. Several Department Commanders in their General Orders announcing the levying of the National and Department per capita tax at the same time announce a ten cent per capita review tax. The levying of the per capita tax in this manner is misleading and apt to cause confusion.

As was announced in the last General Orders, the special review tax has been done away with, and the regular national per capita tax has been increased from twenty-five to forty-five cents, half of which is payable upon the report of December 31, and half upon the report of June 30.

8. It is suggested that all Department Headquarters handling supplies for Camps in their respective jurisdictions again call the attention of these Camps to the fact that all requisitions should be sent direct to Department Headquarters, as a great many requisitions from such Camps are being forwarded to National Headquarters.

9. One of the most important meetings a Camp will hold is the first meeting of the new year. Our Rules and Regulations require that all officers elected and appointed for the ensuing year shall be installed on that occasion. Outgoing Commanders are urged to see that all books, records, etc., are turned over in a perfect shape so that the new officers can start in with a clean slate. It is suggested that most of the business ordinarily transacted at the regular meetings of the Camp be dispensed with on the evening of the installation of officers so that the Camp will have sufficient time to perform the installation services with all the impressiveness provided for in the Book of Ceremonies.

10. National Headquarters is glad to announce that the Honorary Membership Badge will be ready for issue about the 6th of January, and will be listed at seventy-five cents each.

By order of,

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

G. E. RAUSCH,

*Adjutant-General.*

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 24, 1914.*

**General Orders No. 6**

Series 1913-14

1. The appointment of Ernest M. Wertheim, of New York, as Assistant Quartermaster-General is hereby announced, same having taken effect December 26, 1913.

2. The appointment of the following Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby announced:

*Illinois.*—Thomas P. Boston, Peoria.

*Michigan.*—Ambrose C. Talmadge, Coldwater; George C. Talsma, Kalamazoo.

*Rhode Island.*—Byron C. Howard, Boston, Mass.; S. James Foster, Jr., Providence.

*Veteran Army of the Philippines.*—A. B. Cresap, Manila; Albert Bryan, Cebu.

*Unattached.*—Stephen Byrne, Gatun, Canal Zone; Wm. J. Green, Camp Stotsenburg, P. I.

3. Charters have been issued to the following Camps:

*Colorado.*—Denver Camp No. 9, Denver (consolidation of Joe Wheeler Camp No. 9, and Robley D. Evans Camp No. 12, Colorado).

*Ohio.*—Erambert-Case Camp No. 77, State Soldiers' Home; Athens Camp No. 78, Athens.

*Oklahoma.*—Fitzhugh Lee Camp, No. 15, Tulsa.

*Wyoming.*—Major Albert G. Forse Camp, Yellowstone Park (unattached).

4. Department Adjutants are requested to make prompt remittance of per capita tax and semi-annual reports, so that the new countersign, which will be issued on February 1, may be transmitted to the Camps entitled to the same.

5. Attention is called to the fact that the new honorary membership badge is now ready for issue, and is listed at seventy-five cents apiece.

6. Attention is called to the following amendments made to the Rules and Regulations at the Tenth National Encampment:

Page 188, part 5, art. 11, sec. 3: Add at the end of section the words: "No Comrade not in good standing shall be eligible to vote in any meeting of a Camp."

Page 192, part 5, art. 13: Change "Sec. 1" to "b," and insert before it Sec. 1-a, as follows:

Section 1-a. Definition of good standing and delinquency.— A comrade is in "good standing" when he is not deprived of any of his rights as a member of the organization by sentence of a court-martial, or is not under suspension or delinquent. A comrade is delinquent when he is in arrears for dues for over three months, or for fines for over thirty days.

7. In addition to the 'Addenda Errata' in the Book of Ceremonies, the following changes should be made:

On page 18, third line, the preparatory command, "Officers" should precede the command "Halt."

On page 21, fourth line, the word "place" should be corrected to read "placed."

On page 31, the word intended to be "Comrade" begun at the end of fifth line, should be completed by the addition of the syllable "rade."

On page 64, the first line of page should read: "Left Guide (Guidon Bearer) will take position on the left of the Camp."

On page 79 there should be inserted after the word "mourning," sixth line of the prayer, the word "and."

On page 153, "Article III — Membership.— Sec. 1," should read: "This Camp shall consist of active members and honorary members eligible and affiliated as such in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans."

8. The personal thanks of the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant are hereby tendered to the Comrades of New York and Hartford for the many courtesies extended the latter during his recent visit to these cities in the interest of the Organization.

9. Attention has been called to National Headquarters that a Mr. Barren, claiming to be a member of Columbus Camp, Department of Ohio, is representing himself in one of the Southern

States as a National Organizer. National Headquarters would like to have it understood that so far no National Organizer has been appointed.

By order of

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

G. E. RAUSCH,

*Adjutant-General.*

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 28, 1914*

General Orders No. 7

Series 1913-14

1. The appointment of the following Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby announced:

*New York.*— Bernard Flood, New York City; D. F. Keyes, Oneonta.

*Virginia.*— Mercer Hartman, Roanoke; Wm. H. Kindervater, Meadow; Arthur P. Hughes, Portsmouth; Wm. N. Parker, Norfolk.

2. Charters have been issued to the following Camps: Major Robert P. Wainwright, Camp No. 16, Monterey; General Jacob H. Smith Camp No. 79, Portsmouth.

3. The reinstatement of Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 6, Department of Oklahoma, Lawton, Oklahoma, is hereby announced.

4. Application for charters for the following Camps have been received and approved:

*California.*— Camp No. —, Los Angeles.

*Illinois.*— Camp No. —, Maywood.

*Iowa.*— Camp No. —, Emmitsburg.

*Louisiana.*— Camp No. —, Lake Charles.

*Wisconsin.*— Camp No. —, Marinette.

*The Columbia.*— Camp No. —, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

5. Mitchell Camp No. 16, Department of California, Monterey, California, is hereby ordered disbanded upon recommendation of the Department Commander.

Captain Robert Sayre Mercur Camp No. 49, Department of Pennsylvania, Summit Hill, Pa., is hereby ordered disbanded upon recommendation of the Department Commander.

6. Upon recommendation of the Department Commander of Indiana the following Camps are hereby suspended for failure to render reports and pay per capita tax:

F. S. Clark Camp No. 2, Indianapolis.

Everett Griffith Camp No. 6, Kokomo.

Nathaniel Isler Camp No. 13, Jeffersonville.

Ferguson Camp No. 26, Ligonier.

Lawrence Camp No. 34, Bedford.

Jules G. Ord Camp No. 40, Columbus.

B. F. Clemens Camp No. 42, North Manchester.

7. In accordance with sec. 11, art. I, part 6 of our Rules and Regulations, April 21 is hereby designated the annual Muster Day for the year 1914. The objects of "Annual Muster Day" are fully described on the inside page of the front cover of this edition of The Review.

8. With apologies to the members of the Organization, and especially to the past administration, the following correction in the financial statement of January 1, 1914, is announced: Received from past administration, \$4,576.99; total receipts, \$8,132.61; total expenditures, \$5,818.10; balance on hand January 1, 1914, \$2,314.51.

9. It is with much regret that National Headquarters is unable to announced the dates of the next National Encampment at this time. Immediately upon definite arrangements having made with the National Encampment Committee at Louisville, this much desired information will be conveyed to the various Department Commanders.

By order of

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

G. E. RAUSCH,

*Adjutant-General.*

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 31, 1914*

General Orders No. 8

Series 1913-14

1. The appointment of Comrade Albert L. Potter of Camp No. 8, Department of Massachusetts, as Assistant Inspector General, is hereby announced.

2. The appointment of the following Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby announced.

*Connecticut.*— James H. Morgan, Hartford; Clifford A. Hauschildt, Norwalk; Erwin A. Morse, East Haven.

*Illinois.*— Thomas Dower, Chicago.

*New York.*— Daniel Arundell, Brooklyn.

3. Charters have been issued to the following Camps:

*Illinois.*— Dewey Camp No. 72, Quincy.

*Pennsylvania.*— Corporal Lucien D. Woodruff, Jr., Camp No. 64, Johnstown.

4. The reinstatement of the following Camps is hereby announced:

*Pennsylvania.*— Harry Alvin Hall Camp No. 16, Ridgeway; Thos. J. Mahaffey Camp No. 40, Clearfield; James S. Stackpole Camp No. 45, Lewiston.

5. Applications for charters for the following Camps have been received and approved:

*Oklahoma.*— Camp No. —, Fort Sill.

*Pennsylvania.*— Camp No. 18, Reading.

6. Upon recommendation of their respective Department Commanders the following Camps are hereby suspended for failure to render their reports and pay per capita tax:

*Indiana.*— Slade Camp No. 30, Goshen.

*Oklahoma.*— Wm. C. Smith Camp No. 12, McAlester; Bartlesville Camp No. 14, Bartlesville.



7. Special attention is called to important amendments to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Tenth National Encampment, relating to the election of Camp delegates to the National Encampment, the filling of vacancies, and kindred matters, which are printed on the inside page of the front cover of this edition of the Review.

8. On account of not being able to come to a definite agreement with the Committee at Louisville having charge of the Encampment arrangements, the dates for the next National Encampment have not as yet been decided upon, but it can be announced with reasonable certainty that the Encampment will be held on August 31st and September 1st and 2d.

By order of

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

G. E. RAUSCH,

*Adjutant General.*

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Southern Building

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30, 1914.

General Orders No. 9

Series 1913-14

1. The appointment of the following Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby announced:

*District of Columbia.*—R. B. Leech, Washington.

*Missouri.*—Charles Booth, St. Louis.

*Porto Rico.*—Col. George R. Colton, San Juan.

2. Charters have been issued to the following Camps:

*California.*—Robert P. Wainwright Camp No. 16, Monterey;  
Chaplain Alfred S. Clark Camp No. 56, Los Angeles.

*Louisiana.*—Joe Wheeler Camp No. 1, Lake Charles.

*Oklahoma.*—Capt. A. Allen Capron Camp No. 16, Fort Sill.

*Oregon.*—Bert J. Clark Camp No. 12, McMinnville.

*Philippine Islands.*—Col. Allen Allensworth Camp No. 21, Fort Mills.

3. Applications for charters for the following Camps have been received and approved:

*Arizona.*—Camp No. —, Phoenix.

*Indiana.*—Camp No. —, Gary.

*Minnesota.*—Camp No. —, Lea.

*Tennessee.*—Camp No. —, Maryville.

4. Upon recommendation of their respective Department Commanders the following Camps are hereby suspended for failure to render their reports and pay per capita tax:

*Indiana.*—McCoy Camp No. 28, Vincennes.

*Pennsylvania.*—Wm. T. Rick Camp No. 47, Williamsport.

5. Gen H. W. Lawton Camp No. 10, Department of Maine, Portland, Maine, is hereby ordered disbanded upon recommendation of the Department Commander.

6. With the advice and consent of the National Council of Administration, the Eleventh National Encampment will be held at Louisville, Ky., commencing August 31st, It is hoped that all business may be transacted within three days. Should it be found, however, that it is impossible to do so, the Encampment will be extended to include September 3d.

7. It is hardly necessary to call upon the Comrades to properly observe our Annual Memorial Day, as every Comrade must consult his own feelings and conscience as to whether or not he can readily, willingly, and with that feeling of reverence due to our Comrades who responded to the last roll call, join in the services on Memorial Day; and every Comrade must answer for himself as to whether or not he is ready and willing to assume his share in assisting the grand old men of the civil war in the annual decorating of the graves of all deceased United States soldiers, sailors and marines—a duty that cannot be commanded, but which is prompted by patriotism alone.

Attention is called to the fact however, that it is expected that every Camp holding services will follow the instructions and services contained in the Book of Ceremonies.

Camps who have not as yet provided themselves with a copy of the last edition of the Book of Ceremonies should do so without delay.

8. The following corrections should be made in the Book of Ceremonies: On page 52, last line on page, the words "and Department Historian," should be stricken out, and, in the second line from bottom of page, the word "and" should be inserted between the word "Chaplain" and the syllable "De."

All Camp Commanders are requested to immediately call a meeting of their respective Camps and ascertain and forward to National Headquarters the names and addresses of the members who are willing to volunteer their services in case of war with Mexico; also obtain and forward the names and addresses of such men not yet affiliated with the Organization.

By order of

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

G. E. RAUSCH,

*Adjutant General.*

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 29, 1914*

General Orders No. 10

Series 1913-14

1. The appointment of the following Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby announced:

*New York.*—Robert L. Dunn, Brooklyn; Fred W. Dunson, Saratoga Springs.

2. Charters have been issued to the following camps:

*The Columbia.*—Col. Beck Camp No. 8, Topeka.

*Montana.*—Assiniboine Camp No. 12, Havre.

*Ohio.*—Avery L. Vertner Camp No. 29, Delaware (reorganized); Col. B. H. Millikan Camp No. 81, Washington Court House.

*Tennessee.*—Volunteer Camp No. 14, Maryville.

3. Reuben M. Linton Camp No. 46, Somerset, Pa., Department of Pennsylvania, has been reinstated from suspension.

4. Applications for charters for the following Camps have been received and approved:

*Illinois.*— Camp No. —, Belleville.

*Iowa.*— Camp No. —, Council Bluffs.

*Oregon.*— Camp No. —, Klamath Falls.

5. Delegate certificate blanks have recently been forwarded to every Camp Adjutant, which ought to be made out in duplicate and forwarded to the Department Adjutants; by unattached Camps to National Headquarters.

6. Attention is called to important amendments made to the Rules and Regulations at the Tenth National Encampment, appearing on the inside of front cover.

7. The matter of transportation in connection with our next National Encampment has been taken up with the various Trunk Line and Passenger Associations and also with the Interstate Commerce Commission. The best rate that has been promised us so far, is a rate of "two cents per mile in each direction, going and returning via same route only." It is suggested that the Department take the matter up with the local agencies of the various routes and avail themselves of lower rates in many instances than the rates quoted.

8. Attention is called to the following provisions of our Rules and Regulations:

"Delegates or their Alternates, from each duly constituted Camp, whether within the jurisdiction of a Department or unattached, in the ratio of one delegate for every one hundred members, or major fractional part thereof, in each Camp; provided, however, that every Camp, irrespective of the number of its members, shall be entitled to at least one delegate."

By order of

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

G. E. RAUSCH,

*Adjutant General.*

## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

## UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Southern Building

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30, 1914

General Orders No. 11

Series 1913-14

1. The appointment of the following Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby announced:

*Massachusetts.*— Arthur H. Newhall, Stoneham; George P. Webster, Haverhill.

2. Charters have been issued to the following camps:

*Illinois.*— Matoon Camp No. 67, Matoon.

*Indiana.*— Gary Camp No. 47, Gary.

*Iowa.*— Gen. Hasbrouck Camp No. 14, Marshalltown.

*Missouri.*— Sappington Rohrback Camp No. 17, California.

*New Jersey.*— Col. Huggins Camp No. 31, Montclair.

*Pennsylvania.*— Anthracite Camp No. 14, Carbondale.

3. George M. Michelson Camp No. 8, Clinton, Iowa, Department of Iowa, has been reorganized.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Department Commander of the Department of Connecticut, Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 11, Derby, Conn., is hereby disbanded.

5. Applications for charters for the following Camps have been received and approved:

*Kansas.*— Camp No. —, Topeka.

*Louisiana.*— Camp No. —, New Iberia.

*Ohio.*— Camp No. —, Hillsboro.

*Tennessee.*— Camp No. —, Erwin.

*Washington.*— Camp No. —, Tacoma.

6. Attention is invited to the fact that the semi-annual National per capita tax of 22½ cents per capita is now due and payable upon the membership in good standing, June 30, 1914. Prompt remittance should be made so that the accounts may be put in proper shape for the Auditing Committee.

7. George P. Epstein, a member of Columbia Camp No. 2, Department of Illinois, having been tried by a court-martial and convicted of not being a Spanish War Veteran, and of making false statements in his application for membership in violation of Article 21 of the Code of Discipline, and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the United Spanish War Veterans and the findings and sentence having been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, the said George P. Epstein is hereby dishonorably discharged from the United Spanish War Veterans.

By order of

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

G. E. RAUSCH,

*Adjutant General.*

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31, 1914.

General Orders No. 12

Series 1913-14

1. The appointment of S. Arthur Knapp, Commander of Camp No. 1 of Louisiana, Lake Charles, La., as Provisional Division Commander of Louisiana is here announced.

2. The appointment of the following Aides-de-Camp of the staff of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby announced:

*Minnesota.*— Carl H. Reckner, Red Wing.

*Illinois.*— M. F. Kelly, Chicago.

3. William Fitzgerald Camp, located at Tientsin, China, formerly unattached, has been attached to the Veteran Army of the Philippines, and will henceforth be known as William Fitzgerald Camp No. 22, Department of the Veteran Army of the Philippines.

4. The following Camps have been instituted :

*Alabama.*—Helen Gould Camp No. 2, Mobile.

*Louisiana.*—R. W. Cate Camp No. 2, Hammond.

*Minnesota.*—Norman E. Sandberg Camp No. 18, Albert Lee.

*The Columbia.*—John R. Tanner Camp No. 7, Seattle, Washington (instituted February 7, 1914).

5. Harry C. Kessler Camp No. 10, Department of Montana, located at Livingston, has been reinstated from suspension.

6. We are informed that the proceedings of the 10th National Encampment will be ready for distribution within the next few days, and it is suggested that the Comrades carefully read all amendments made to the Rules and Regulations at that Encampment, as unquestionably a pamphlet containing all amendments will be issued after the adoption or rejection of the proposed constitution.

7. Camps that have not already taken action on the proposed constitution should do so without delay.

8. It is urgently requested that all resolutions to be presented at the Louisville Encampment be made in duplicate and forwarded to the Adjutant-General at an early date.

9. National Encampment certificate blanks have been forwarded to all Camp and Department Adjutants. These should be properly filled in and promptly forwarded to National Headquarters so that credential cards can be issued, which cards ought to be presented to the Adjutant-General at Louisville, before 10 P. M. August 30, in order that the Committee on Credentials can make its report at the opening of the Encampment.

10. National Headquarters will be closed in Washington at the close of business, Tuesday, August 25, and will be opened at the Louisville Hotel, Louisville, Ky., on Saturday, August 29th.

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

C. E. RAUSCH,

*Adjutant-General.*

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 2, 1914.*

General Orders No. 13

Series 1913-14

1. Applications for charters from the following Camps have been received and approved:

*Iowa.*— Camp No. 19, Algona.

*Kentucky.*— Camp No. 8, Newport.

*Massachusetts.*— Camp No. 59, Webster.

2. The following Camps have been instituted:

*Iowa.*— Camp No. 16, Muscatine; Camp No. 17, Emmetsburg.

*Missouri.*— Camp No. 16, Fruitville.

*Nebraska.*— Camp No. 11, North Platte.

*Ohio.*— Camp No. 80, Coshocton; Camp No. 82, London; Camp No. 83, Circleville; Camp No. 84, Hillsboro.

*Washington and Alaska.*— Camp No. 22, Tacoma.

*Wisconsin.*— Camp No. 35, Marinette.

3. Lawton Camp No. 4, South Dakota, having surrendered its charter and property, is hereby disbanded.

4. Following are the more important amendments in the Rules and Regulations:

Providing that the Department Judge Advocate be an appointive instead of an elective officer.

Providing that all Comrades in Soldiers' Homes be designated members instead of inmates.

Providing that Past Surgeon General Veninga prepare forms for reports to be used in the conduct of the Bureau of the Surgeon General, which are to be submitted to the incoming Surgeon General for consideration.

Providing that the Review be discontinued and the American Standard be adopted as the official organ of the organization. The subscription fee of the Standard is 50 cents a year for indi-



viduals and 20 cents a year per capita where a Camp subscribes for its entire membership.

Providing that instead of printing the complete proceedings of the National Encampment as heretofore, there be printed, within two months after the Encampment, a pamphlet containing the reports of officers and committees; enactments and resolutions adopted by the Encampment; a synopsis of welcome speeches, etc.; matters pertaining to the nomination and election of officers, and a list of the members who attended the Encampment.

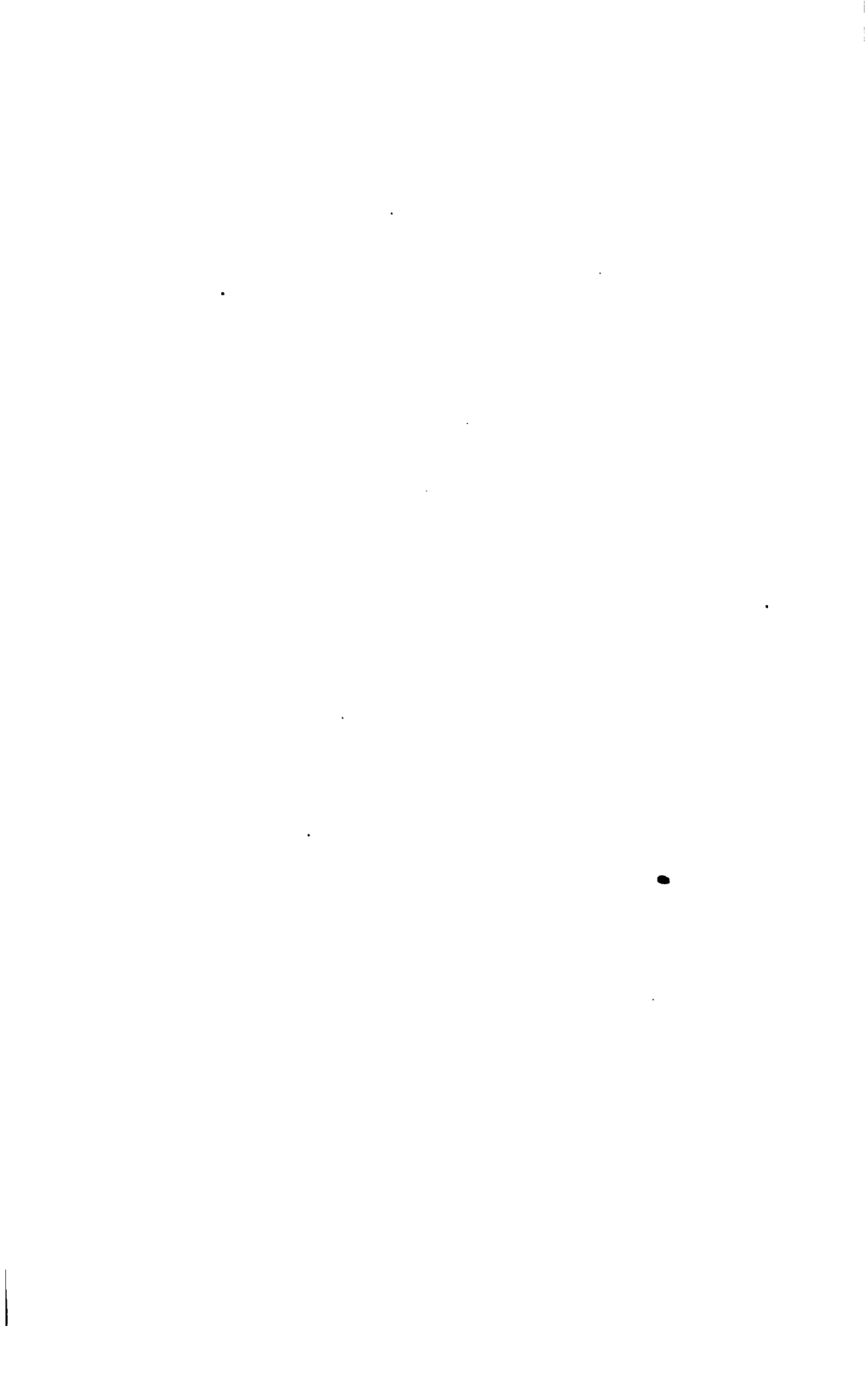
5. Special Enactment.—Providing that the proposed Constitution referred to the Camps by the Commander-in-Chief in Special Orders No. 5 c. s., National Headquarters, pursuant to vote of the Tenth National Encampment, shall not be acted upon finally by this Encampment as provided in the condition of said proposed Constitution, and that the conditions regarding the ratification and adoption of said proposed Constitution be changed to read as follows:

“The proposed Constitution heretofore submitted to the Camps by the Commander-in-Chief pursuant to action of the Tenth National Encampment, if ratified by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Camps in good standing by June 1, 1915, shall then and in that event become the Constitution of the United Spanish War Veterans; provided, however, that such ratification shall include by each Camp so ratifying its acceptance of the charges specified in Special Orders No. 5, c. s., National Headquarters, and any changes required in the fourth paragraph of the preamble to correct the list and designation of the several original associations now composing the United Spanish War Veterans which shall be approved by the Twelfth National Encampment in stated convention assembled. Any Camp may approve any portion of the proposed Constitution and submit an amendment for any provision not approved. In case of failure to secure such ratification, the Constitution with all proposed amendments shall be considered and acted upon by the Twelfth National Encampment in stated convention assembled, when it may be discussed, altered or amended, and if then adopted by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting at said stated convention of the Twelfth



Department Quartermaster TERRENCE J. O'DONNELL





National Encampment shall then and in that event become the Constitution of the United Spanish War Veterans.

“The retiring Commander-in-Chief shall incorporate in his final order this enactment in full for the information of the Camps. All amendments to the proposed Constitution which have been or may be submitted by the Camps shall be published without delay in the official organ.”

6. All Camps which have not for any reason, received a copy of the proposed Constitution should, without delay, inform the Adjutant-General of this fact, so that the necessary copies may be supplied.

JOHN LEWIS SMITH,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

G. E. RAUSCH,  
*Adjutant-General.*

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### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER

*To the Department Commander:*

SIR.—I have the honor to hereby submit a report of my office for the term ending June 26, 1914.

Number of requisitions received . . . . .	436
Number of requisitions forwarded . . . . .	436
Number of pieces of mail and express (App.) . . . . .	860

There has been during the year a heavy demand for badges, buttons, etc. Following are some of the items from the stock book of supplies ordered during the year:

Buttons (regular) . . . . .	1,255
Buttons (Maine) . . . . .	447
Badges. . . . .	1,170
Applications for membership (blanks) . . . . .	5,150
Officer rank straps . . . . .	256
Rituals. . . . .	132
Book of ceremonies . . . . .	115
Watch fobs . . . . .	79
Past Commander's jewels . . . . .	21

The prompt forwarding of supplies on proper requisitions is in my opinion an important duty of the Department Quartermaster.

It has been the particular aim of the Department Headquarters to have at all times a full and complete stock of supplies on hand so that requisitions could be promptly filled, and it has been the practice also to forward supplies on the day of receipt of each requisition. Supplies have been forwarded and delivered on the day of receipt of requisition, in the vicinity of New York City, and to distant points in the Department within twenty-four hours.

The delivery of supplies within an hour or two after receipt of requisition in some cases was the result of special effort in this direction. An acknowledgment card has accompanied each delivery and the generally immediate return of the same by the Camp officers has been commendable, and is an encouragement to the Department Quartermaster in his endeavors to the prompt forwarding of the supplies.

The co-operation of the postal authorities is worthy of consideration and the special interest shown by our Comrades in the postal service has counted for much in the rapid transmission of all supplies.

Occasionally deliveries may have been delayed more than twenty-four hours, caused by a lack of supplies on hand, but this has been rare.

It is recommended that Camp officers see to it that supplies are ordered early in the term and in anticipation of Camp needs, rather than immediately before Memorial Day, installation of officers, etc., which may prevent prompt delivery, causing dissatisfaction both to the Camp and the Department Quartermaster.

In closing I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by you in your appointment of me to the trusted and confidential position of Department Quartermaster; and in this regard I also commend the active co-operation of the Department Adjutant, who rendered substantial assistance to me in the necessary duties of my office, arduous at times, and always requiring strict and close attention.

I desire also to express my deepest regard of the many courtesies extended to me by the Adjutant-General and his office.

To all Camp officers in the Department who have been in touch with the Department Quartermaster, I am grateful and trust that the combined efforts of all have resulted in a satisfactory administration of this office.

In performing my duties as I understood them, a great and lasting pleasure has been my experience, and an added interest in the activities of our beloved Order.

Respectfully submitted in F. P. and H.,  
 TERRENCE J. O'DONNELL,  
*Department Quartermaster.*

June 26, 1914.

### REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

*To the Eleventh Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans:*

Pursuant to sub-section "M," section 1, article 7, part 3 of the Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to present my report as the Department Commander for the term commencing June 25, 1913, and terminating with this, the Eleventh Encampment. Ever heedful of the trust and confidence imposed in me upon the occasion of my election to guide the destinies of this great Department, I assumed the responsibilities firm in the determination to give the best that was in me towards fulfilling the duties incident to my office. Wherever possible I have applied business methods to the detail work of the Organization, keeping in mind the fact that the healthy growth of the Department depended upon the development of an esprit de corps which would tend to enthuse the membership and make for the betterment of all that vitally concerns our well-being. This has met with universal support and to-day throughout the entire Department the manifestations of comradely spirit are shown in every action, and as we have advanced in numbers, we have likewise advanced towards a realization of the ideal of comradeship "All for One and One for All." This era of true comradeship will be a valuable asset to my successor, and I commend to him the generous and wholehearted support of all my comrades and shipmates.

The names of the additional elected officers of the Tenth

Annual Encampment will be found in General Order No. 1, Series 1913-1914. The names of the officers appointed during the present administration appear also in this and in subsequent General Orders issued during the same period.

### *Publicity*

One of the most important factors tending to the success of our Organization is a judicious use of printer's ink. To increase interest, to build up the Organization, and to further enhance its prestige in the hearts of the citizenship of this State, every opportunity was seized to bring the U. S. W. V. before the public.

The Monthly Bulletin, circular letters, personal communications to editors of newspapers and participation in public demonstrations were some of the means used to give a wholesome publicity to our cardinal principles of Freedom, Patriotism, and Humanity. Over 78,000 copies of the Monthly Bulletin have been distributed from Department Headquarters. Copies were sent to Spanish War Veterans not as yet members of our Organization, as well as to prominent officials of the City, State and Federal Governments.

Two instances may be cited as examples of a prudent yet effective means of self-advertising of the U. S. W. V. Under the direction of the Department Headquarters, the Comrades in and around New York city participated in the public funeral of the late Mayor of New York, the Hon. William J. Gaynor. The officials in charge having assigned a position in line, several hundred comrades marched in this notable funeral procession. The unprecedented demonstration to the Naval and Marine dead of Vera Cruz was another occasion which found Department Headquarters alive to the need of having our Organization represented. In the cortege two carriages were assigned to the Departmental Officers by the city of New York and this distinction was reserved for us alone, no other Veteran Organization being represented. Over 400 members assembled in City Hall park and were favorably placed to witness the ceremony at that point. For the honor conferred upon the U. S. W. V., and for many other courtesies, the Department Headquarters will always be deeply grateful to the Mayor of the City of New York, the Hon. John Purroy Mitchel; the Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Com-



Cortege of Naval and Marine Dead from Vera Cruz, Mexico







mander Albert Gleaves, and to the Dock Commissioner, R. A. C. Smith, who had direct charge of all the arrangements on behalf of the city.

*National Encampment .*

In further support of my previous statements of the advantages to be gained by publicity, attention is called to the potent effect of the advertising campaign carried on for the Tenth National Encampment which was held at Buffalo, September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1913. The extensive sowing of the seed and intensive cultivation of the field under the guidance of Past Commander George A. Markham of Camp No. 12, the sub-Chairman of the Committee on Publicity, have produced an unusually fine harvest of recruits in the environs of Buffalo. Up to the present writing, 119 new members have been added to our rolls and the gleaners are still working in the field of recruiting.

The list of delegates representing this Department at the said National Encampment will be found attached.

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DELEGATES PRESENT AT THE TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Department Commander Ralph H. Parker.  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward.  
 Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons.  
 Department Senior Vice Commander O. E. Iler.  
 Past Department Commander Wm. J. Cunningham.  
 Past Department Commander Bernhardt Wall.  
 Past Department Commander Chauncey W. Herrick.  
 Delegate-at-Large E. W. Larkin.  
 Delegate-at-Large John S. Strachen.  
 Delegate-at-Large George McCune.  
 Delegate-at-Large John D. Driscoll.

Paul Stobbe.	William J. Tyner.
John H. Grant.	William T. Hunt.
Chas. A. Crowinsheild.	William E. White.
F. R. W. Hering.	John Bulek.
John Reilly.	Gus. B. Lang.

R. N. Mackin.	G. F. Berg.
Chas. Anderson.	George W. Harris.
Maurice Horton.	Walter J. Carroll.
John H. Whittle.	L. J. Peterson
Praxton B. Pulver.	William Gilbert.
George Kruge.	Maynard G. Burgess.
Geo. M. Bleser.	George J. Conlin.
Alfred F. Kuhn.	John E. J. Clare.
John D. Howland.	A. Simpson.
Thomas E. Reid.	William Jones.
Chas. S. Beilman.	M. F. McNamara.
William F. Morian.	Lewis J. Chesner.
William C. Straus.	Benj. Worrell.
John A. Duncan.	D. Arundell.
Ernest Colyer.	Chas. H. Wenz.
G. N. Whistler.	James E. Reynolds.
M. Walsh.	James Welch.
John J. O'Keefe.	A. J. Burke.
Peter J. Greeley.	Wm. A. Spencer.
F. A. McCarthy.	John L. Dunn.
W. Elmore Slack.	Robert Flinch.
Wm. S. Fredenrich.	John J. Curtin.
John M. Niemeyer.	Abram V. Burton.
Daniel J. O'Connor.	C. S. Phillips.
Thos. Regan.	Christ Dittewig.
James Tubman.	John J. Kennedy.
Jos. Roemhild.	F. W. Ross.
William J. Moore.	P. J. Guilfoyle.
D. Hynes.	M. Morris.
T. J. O'Donnell.	Thomas A. Barnes.
G. A. Markham.	Hugh J. Joyce.
L. M. Card.	Frank M. Lawless.
E. F. Dowd.	J. P. Quinn.
Geo. H. Kemp.	Hugh J. Barren.
M. Florea.	I. Joel.
D. F. Keyes.	Patrick Garrahy.

*State Legislation*

Pursuant to Section 1, Article 8, Part 3, Rules and Regulations, a Legislative Committee was appointed with the Department Judge Advocate, Calvin S. McChesney, of Camp No. 2, Chairman, and Assistant Department Adjutant John S. Strachen, of Camp No. 11, Secretary. Previous to the convening of this committee, a letter was sent to each member thereof, requesting an individual opinion as to the advisability of introducing a "Preference in Civil Service" measure in the State Legislature. The advisability of introducing this measure at this time or of delaying action until the convening of the Constitutional Convention Delegates received the consideration of the members of the committee. Nearly every member expressed an opinion and, with one or two exceptions, this was against any action at this time. Three Past Commanders-in-Chief and five Past Department Commanders gave their opinions on this subject, thereby showing that the interest in our Organization is firmly embedded in their hearts. To keep the measure still before the public, however, Assemblyman Dean Nelson, a member of Camp No. 23, introduced a "Full Preference Measure" in the Assembly.

A meeting of this committee was held in Troy on February 7, 1914, and at that time the following attended:

Department Commander, Ralph H. Parker; Department Judge Advocate, Calvin S. McChesney, Chairman; Assistant Department Adjutant, John S. Strachen, Secretary; Past Department Commander William J. Cunningham; Past Department Commander, Chauncey W. Herrick.

The question of legislative action was fully discussed, and after due deliberation, it was decided not to advance the "Preference Bill." It was also decided at this time, owing to the peculiar political composition of the State Legislature to withhold action on the following measures:

Exemption from jury duty; improvement of the Poor Laws; and improvement of the Armory Meeting Room Law; but that all our efforts be concentrated on a partial exemption from taxation bill in the State Legislature and to work assiduously for the

National Widows and Orphans' Pension Bill (H. R. 13044) in the Congress of the United States. The partial exemption from taxation bill was introduced by Senator Anthony J. Griffin, a member of Camp No. 19. Comrade Griffin gave this measure his close and careful attention with the result that it was finally reported out of committee and advanced to third reading on March 25, 1914. I at once left for Albany in order to be present when the Senate voted on this bill. Assistant Department Adjutant John S. Strachen, who acted as the Department's representative in Albany in accordance with a resolution adopted at the Tenth Annual Encampment, was found present at the session, thereby proving his loyalty to the trust that had been placed in him by me. In addition, Past Department Commander, Chauncey W. Herrick, and Commander A. C. O'Dell of Camp No. 44, who were in Albany, also volunteered their services in behalf of this bill. It was passed by the Senate and was immediately rushed to the Assembly. Every effort was made to get it before the Assembly for a vote, but by being apparently too near adjournment, the bill failed of passage. The thanks of the Organization, however, are due Comrade Senator Anthony J. Griffin and Comrade Assemblyman Nelson, Christman, Dunlap and Green, for their efforts to secure the passage of this bill. In addition to correspondence with various Camp Commanders and Comrades on this taxation measure two hundred and one (201) additional personal letters were sent, one to each Senator and Assemblyman in the State.

Many bills were introduced in the Legislature, the passage of which would have been detrimental to the rights of our Comrades. It is extremely hard to analyze every bill introduced, but careful attention was paid to this matter by the Legislative Committee and Department Headquarters, and every effort made to prevent the passage of undesirable or inimical legislation.

#### *Widows and Orphans' Pension Bill*

There were more reasons than one why I devoted all the time that I could possibly spare towards the advancement of the Pension Bill H. R. 13044. To hark back to the days of the Eighth Annual Encampment held in Poughkeepsie, July 3, 4, and 5,

1911, a reference to the proceedings of that Encampment will show that I had the honor to submit a resolution indorsing H. R. 11169, the original Crago Bill (vide page 133, proceedings of the Eighth Annual Encampment). In justice to another Comrade, Michael J. McNamara, mention must be made of the fact that he had at that time a similar resolution to introduce but learning that it was my intention to introduce the resolution in support of the Crago Bill, he very generously and in a true comradely spirit relinquished the honor and yielded to me the privilege of bringing to the attention of the Encampment H. R. 11169.

Little did I imagine then that I would be selected to serve as Department Commander and charged with the responsibility of guiding the actions of this Department in its endeavor to have this law written on the statute books of the nation. At that time, my sole desire was to see this measure adopted as the Pension Bill of our Organization, and my reasons were two-fold: First, because I was personally acquainted with Comrade Crago and had a profound respect for his opinions on legislation beneficial to veterans of the Spanish War and Philippine Insurrection; and second, because I believed that this bill was the embodiment of ideal pension legislation, and was such a measure as would meet the needs of the U. S. W. V. That I did not err then has been proven in the records of subsequent actions on this measure.

The resolution endorsing the bill H. R. 11169 was passed unanimously by the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department; and the action of National Headquarters since that time has been simply to take up and carry on the work then initiated. To-day, the same pension measure has passed the House of Representatives, is now reported out of Committee to the Senate of the United States, and awaits action by this body on its way to be written into the statutes of the nation. This has all occurred during my term as Department Commander, and I take a just and reasonably pardonable pride in maintaining that my efforts have not been in vain; and that the entire Department of New York responded nobly to my frequent and insistent calls for assistance is proven by the fact that of the forty-three representatives in the Lower House of Congress from this State, only one voted against this measure. I feel that the name of this single op-

ponent to the measure should be mentioned. It is that of John J. Fitzgerald of the Seventh District of New York State.

The methods pursued by the present National Administration in advancing this measure are worthy of the highest praise. Quietly, but effectively, the work was carried on. No blast of denunciation, no blare of trumpets, but a persistent pounding upon the doors of Congress — a never-ending stream of petitions, appeals and personal letters from every hamlet, village, and city, so that we are nearer a realization than ever before.

### *Constitutional Convention*

Careful attention was given to the special election held throughout the State on April 7, 1914, for the purpose of having the people decide, "Shall there be a Convention to Revise the Constitution and Amend the Same?" Mention of the matter was made in General Orders and the active Comrades throughout the State were personally communicated with to the end that all our Comrades interest themselves in this election. The question was carried, and in November, 1914, delegates to the Constitutional Convention will be elected, three from each Senate district of the State and fifteen delegates at large. Beyond doubt this Organization should be vitally concerned in the revision of the State Constitution and qualified members of our Organization should be encouraged to become aspirants for the office of delegate to the Convention. That a definite plan of procedure may be outlined in all matters pertaining to the coming State Constitutional Convention a Special Advisory Committee has been appointed to take up the work. (See Par. 3, Dept. G. O. No. 12.) This Committee is composed of members of our Organization who hold public office in the municipalities, counties, and the State, with the addition of Comrades who are amply qualified to discuss matters pertaining to this Committee. Every Comrade on this Committee is earnestly and enthusiastically interested in the welfare and advancement of our Organization.

### *State Soldiers and Sailors' Home*

During the present administration, several Comrades have been assisted towards gaining admission to the State Home at Bath, N. Y., and the officials of the Home have given attentive con-

sideration to those Comrades of our Organization who have applied for admittance thereto. On January 25, 1914, the Second Barracks at the Home was destroyed by fire and approximately three hundred (300) inmates lost their personal belongings. Through the energy of the Hon. Dean Nelson, of Camp No. 23, who is the Chairman of the New York State Assembly Committee on Soldiers and Sailors' Home, an item was introduced in the appropriation bill for \$6,000 to cover the loss suffered by the inmates. This item was passed by both houses and signed by the Governor, Hon. Martin H. Glynn. This appropriation reimbursed the inmates to the extent of twenty dollars (\$20) per member, which was the estimate arrived at by the trustees of the Home at a meeting held for that purpose. In addition to the above, Comrade Nelson also assisted in securing a one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) appropriation for a new barracks at the said Home.

#### *Medals*

On December 5, 1913, the Adjutant General's office of the War Department in Washington issued a circular authorizing the sale of army campaign badges to those in civil life, who, if they were still in the service of the United States, would be entitled to receive these medals. A number of these circulars and the necessary application blanks were secured from the War Department and distributed to our Comrades throughout the State. In order to test the question whether former members of the 1st New York Volunteers who served in the Hawaiian Islands were entitled to these badges, I directed the Department Senior Vice Commander, O. E. Iler, who was a former member of that regiment, to make application for a campaign medal. The endorsement received from the Adjutant-General, George Andrews, will be found attached to this report.

WAR DEPARTMENT — THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, *January 26, 1914.*

*Respectfully returned to Mr. Oliver Elsworth Iler, 2  
Virginia Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York.*

The Spanish campaign badge is intended as evidence of actual service in some campaign of the war with Spain at



the theatre of hostilities or on the high seas en route thereto, at a time when hostilities were actually pending or were imminent, and the badge is not intended for such officers and enlisted men of the army as did not leave the continental limits of the United States in that war or did not serve in an active campaign connected therewith.

While it appears that the First New York Infantry served in the Hawaiian Islands, yet the service in those islands was not rendered in any active campaign during the War with Spain, within the meaning of orders and regulations governing the issue and sale of campaign badges (copy inclosed), and the members of the organization are not, therefore (in common with many other officers and enlisted men of the Volunteer and Regular Army who did not participate in an active campaign) entitled to receive that badge.

GEORGE ANDREWS,  
*The Adjutant-General.*

The matter of the State medals which had been authorized by the Legislature has received the attention of Department Headquarters, and in this connection it may be mentioned that the Adjutant-General of the State of New York, Comrade H. DeWitt Hamilton, advises that the committee appointed to select a suitable design has nearly completed its labors and the honor of seeing these State medals distributed will no doubt be given to the next administration.

#### *Maine Memorial Services*

Appropriate services commemorative of the anniversary of the Maine disaster were held by various Camps throughout the Department during the month of February. Two of the most important services were given personal attention by the Department Commander. One of these was the service held under the auspices of Camp No. 98 in Manhattan Borough, on the afternoon of February 15, 1914. Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee was in attendance and gave a vivid description of the blowing up of the battleship Maine in Havana Harbor. The Commander-in-Chief was represented by the Chaplain-in-Chief, J. Madison Hare. At

the short but impressive service held at the Maine Monument, Central Park, New York City, on the evening of February 15, 1914, under the auspices of the Memorial and Executive Committee of New York and Bronx counties, U. S. W. V., the Department Commander and his Staff were present. The Chairman of this Committee, Department Adjutant William Jones, placed a large wreath on the monument and the Department Musician, John Temme, sounded taps.

In the city of Troy a proclamation was issued by the Mayor, Cornelius F. Burns, to the heads of all city departments, drawing attention to the Sixteenth Anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine. The closing part of this proclamation reads as follows:

“ It is fitting and proper that we help to perpetuate the memory of these dead heroes and commemorate their noble sacrifices. Therefore, at the request of Marcus D. Russell, Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans, I order and direct that on February 15, 1914, the flags on our public buildings be placed at half-mast from sunrise until sunset of that day.”

On Memorial Day, the Maine dead were again remembered by Department Headquarters, and a wreath was placed on the monument in Central Park. On that day also, suitable services were held at the monument by several Camps in New York City and additional wreaths were placed by Camps Nos. 1, 19 and 38.

#### *United States Volunteer Regiment*

When the Mexican situation began to cast the clouds of war over this country and the call for volunteers seemed imminent, a communication was sent to the President of the United States, Hon. Woodrow Wilson, offering a complete regiment, to be composed exclusively of members of our organization from this Department. The Secretary to the President, Mr. J. P. Tumulty, at once replied to our patriotic offer. The correspondence in this matter will be found attached to this report.

## UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

NEW YORK, April 24, 1914.

*The President, United States of America, Washington,  
D. C.*

(Subject: Volunteer Regiment)

HON. SIR.— On April 20th I sent a joint letter to Senators Root and O’Gorman of this State as follows:

“ Kindly offer to the Federal Government on behalf of the United Spanish War Veterans in this State one complete regiment composed exclusively of members of our organization. One-half of these men will have had from one to three years’ service in the Philippine Islands, and these Headquarters makes this offer in the event that volunteers are needed in the operations against Mexico.

“ On yesterday’s date these Headquarters sent a letter to each of the 98 Camp Commanders in this Department, asking them to advise at once how many men their Camps would volunteer.”

It is my sincere wish that the present hostilities may prove of short duration, but if you need our services in the operations against Mexico, we stand ready to respond to your call.

Yours very respectfully,

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*


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 THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, April 25, 1914.

*My dear Commander Parker:*

The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 24th, and to thank you for your patriotic

spirit. He is bringing it to the attention of the Secretary of War.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. TUMULTY,

*Secretary to the President.*

Commander RALPH H. PARKER,

*166th street and Franklin avenue, New York City.*

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In order to prepare for the organization of such a regiment, every Camp Commander in the Department was communicated with on April 23, 1914, for the purpose of ascertaining how many Comrades would offer their services in the event of the President calling for volunteers. A copy of the form letter used is hereto attached.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

NEW YORK CITY, April 23, 1914.

(Subject: Volunteer Regiment)

My Dear Commander.—Every Comrade in the United Spanish War Veterans realizes only too well the mental anguish and physical suffering that accompanies a state of warfare, but the flag of these United States has been planted in Mexico and the blood of our loyal Sailors and Marines has been shed.

With knowledge of the patriotism embodied in our membership and bearing in mind the obligation of our Order, I have offered to the Federal Government on behalf of the United Spanish War Veterans in the State of New York, one complete regiment, composed exclusively of members of our Organization. This offer was made only in the event that volunteers are needed in the operations against Mexico.

Will you advise these Headquarters, at once, how many Comrades in your Camp will offer their services in case the President calls for volunteers. In order that we may quickly tabulate the names and addresses of these Comrades will you

have them send a postal to the Department Adjutant with the following information:

Name . . . . .  
 Address . . . . .  
 Age . . . . .  
 Married or Single . . . . .  
 Time in Federal Service . . . . .  
 Branch of Service . . . . .  
 Campaigns . . . . .

Let us sincerely hope that the present hostilities may be of short duration but let the Spanish War Veterans in the great State of New York prepare themselves to again defend the Colors in case our services are needed.

Yours in F. P. & H.,

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

I am happy to state that every Camp Commander immediately attended to this matter. In many cases, special meetings were called to more thoroughly discuss the proposition. Communications poured into these Headquarters from every section of the State and from Comrades and shipmates who were only too willing to offer their services if the country might need them. The personal attention of the Department Commander was given to this proposition. Separate files were opened up in order that all communications on this subject could be kept apart from the usual routine communications of the Department. In the Camp orders of nearly every Camp the call for volunteers was issued and in some cases Camps went to the additional expense of furnishing to its members a printed enrollment post-card so that a Comrade could sign and forward it at once to Department Headquarters. The immediate and enthusiastic response to the call for volunteers demonstrated that this Organization can be considered an ideal volunteer reserve in time of need.

### *Recruiting*

Every effort to encourage recruiting was made during the past year. A "Campaign for One Thousand Recruits" was undertaken under the personal supervision of the Department Com-

mander. Every Camp Commander was urged to lend his support and influence and the personal appeal thus made was instrumental in arousing an active interest. This necessitated a vast amount of correspondence, but every communication was personally attended to by me, and the results were well worthy of the sacrifice of time and effort. Under the direction of the Camp Commander or of a Chairman on Recruiting, each Camp responded nobly to the call and the Department Adjutant's report for the term ending June 30, 1914, will undoubtedly show a substantial increase and prove that the campaign was a success.

Owing to the fact that the Tenth Annual Department was held June 23, 24 and 25, 1913, the semi-annual reports of the period ending June 30, 1913, were not included in the Department Adjutant's report to that Encampment. The report of our membership at that Encampment was for the period ending December 31, 1912, and showed a total membership in good standing of 5,465. The membership report for the term ending June 30, 1913, showed 5,829 members in good standing, and the report for the term ending December 31, 1913, showed a total in good standing of 6,088. The semi-annual reports for the term ending June 30, 1914, cannot be included in this report as they are not as yet due. However, as I stated before, a substantial gain has been made in our membership.

#### *New Camps*

The subject of adding new Camps during the present administration has been one which has given everyone concerned serious thought. In the desire to add to our roster, the question of their future stability has sometimes been apparently overlooked in the past. As an illustration: Commodore Jacob W. Miller, Camp No. 97, New York City, was reported at the Tenth Annual Department Encampment as being instituted March 6, 1913, and was added to the roster of the Department. As a matter of fact this Camp has never received its charter, inasmuch as a proper list of charter members has not been supplied. A direct opposite to this may be cited in the case of John J. Astor Camp No. 98, reported at that Encampment as being instituted May 17, 1913, but which at the time of the agitation for this latter Camp

the Department administration was inclined to discourage the project. Apparently this seemed to put upon their mettle the Comrades interested in the formation of Camp No. 98, with the result that to-day it is one of the healthiest Camps in the Department. The following applications for new Camps have been received: One in Brooklyn, to be composed of former members of the 14th New York Volunteers, but we have a Camp covering that field at the present time; one in Manhattan, to be composed of members of Camp No. 10 not living in the borough of the Bronx, which application was signed by fifteen Comrades; one in Manhattan, the personnel of which was to be made up of Interborough Railroad employees, but many of these are in other Camps, and one Camp has 75 per cent. of its officers employed by this corporation; one at the Soldiers' Home, Bath, N. Y., but only ten have been signed up at the present time; one at Hudson Falls, N. Y., but we have a Camp at Glens Falls only a few miles away and there are but two or three Comrades interested in the formation of the new one.

At this date the above applications for various reasons have not been approved, but undoubtedly one or two of the propositions to form new Camps will become realized with the exercise of a little more effort on the part of the Comrades interested and will develop to the extent that charters can be granted during the coming year.

In connection with the question of additional Camps in New York and Bronx counties attention is called to a resolution of the Memorial and Executive Committee of New York and Bronx counties requesting the disapproval of all applications for the formation of new Camps in those counties.

While the present administration has not taken in any new Camp, on the other hand, none has been lost to the Department, and in many cases Camps have been rehabilitated and new life infused into them when the indications pointed to their disbandment. The most striking illustration of the revitalization of a Camp may be seen in the almost phenomenal improvement of Anderson Camp No. 26 in Oswego. At the beginning of my term of office, this Camp was engaged in a controversy with National Headquarters over the question of payment of back

taxes for the Spanish War Review. The Comrades who were endeavoring to hold the Camp together were seemingly discouraged, but after personal communications giving them advice and assisting them in every possible manner, the Camp to-day does not owe a penny to National or Department Headquarters and has gained during the past year twenty-three new members.

### *Grand Army of the Republic*

At the Tenth National Encampment held at Buffalo in September, 1913, an amendment to the Rules and Regulations was adopted permitting Camps to confer honorary membership on our older Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. A closer affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic through the medium of honorary membership in our Organization was promptly encouraged by this Department. In some cases Camps have taken in the entire membership of Grand Army Posts and the Comrades of the G. A. R. have reciprocated by conferring honorary memberships upon the Comrades of the Camps. Two G. A. R. Posts have conferred this most signal honor, namely, Wood Post No. 368 of Jamaica, L. I., who took in as honorary members Camp No. 66 of the same place; and Winchester Post No. 197 of Brooklyn, who received Camp No. 16 of the same place into its honorary membership. On October 24, 1913, the Department Commander of the G. A. R., Samuel C. Pierce, with several members of his staff, were mustered in as honorary members of Camp No. 25 of Rochester. I had the honor of being present at musters of the following Camps and witnessed the affiliation of our older Comrades of the G. A. R., viz: Camp 16, 27, 36, 58, 59, 61 and 79. Nearly every Camp in the Department has now on its rolls one or more members of the G. A. R., and the maintenance of the memorial and patriotic traditions must eventually fall on the shoulders of the U. S. W. V.

### *Patriotic Instruction*

Pursuant to paragraph 9, General Orders No. 4, National Headquarters, Past Commander John J. Fitzgerald of Camp No. 84, was appointed Patriotic Instructor (see Par. 2, Dept. G. O. No. 8 C. S.). The work of patriotic instruction has been



inaugurated but already it is evident that some definite plan must be adopted to disseminate information to the various Patriotic Instructors of the Camps. Several meetings of these officers have been called under the direction of the Department Patriotic Instructor, and at the last meeting held in Manhattan Borough on June 24, 1914, a resolution was adopted which will be submitted to this Encampment. It has for its objects the formation of an association of the Patriotic Instructors in this State and the delegates in attendance at this Encampment will do well to carefully give heed to the recommendations contained in this resolution. It is hoped that authority will be given to these officers to organize so that the work of patriotic instruction may be carried on successfully.

This matter has received my personal attention and in advancing the subject for the benefit of the Organization, it has been my purpose to demonstrate to the citizens of New York State that the U. S. W. V. is first of all a patriotic organization.

As a further evidence of my interest in patriotic work and perhaps the most important patriotic function which I attended outside of our own patriotic gatherings, was the flag raising at the Washington Irving High School in New York City on Friday, June 12, 1914. This celebration commemorated the anniversary of the adoption of the National flag of the United States by Congress. I had the honor of being named by the Hon. Ernest F. Eilert of the Board of Education of the city of New York as one of the Patrons of the celebration. The flag was hoisted by Mrs. John Purroy Mitchel, assisted by thousands of public school pupils, and was one of the most impressive patriotic demonstrations that it has been my good fortune to witness.

#### *Memorial Services*

Memorial Services were held throughout the State by the Camps of this Organization on Sunday, May 24, 1914. On the invitation of Camp No. 5, of Brooklyn, I acted as Marshal of the United Spanish War Veterans Division at the Annual Military Field Mass held in the New York Navy Yard on Sunday, May 24th (see S. O. No. 9 C. S.). The mass was celebrated by the Very

Rev. Monsignor James N. Connolly, of Camp No. 38, assisted by Very Rev. John P. Chidwick, of Camp No. 5, and the Rev. James J. Brady of the U. S. Navy. The Department Commander gave his personal attention to the Annual Memorial Services held under the auspices of the Memorial and Executive Committee of New York and Bronx counties. These services were held in the 44th Street Music Hall, Manhattan, on the evening of May 24, 1914, and on that occasion the Hon. Joseph Hartigan of Camp No. 24, acted as the presiding officer. Addresses were made by the Hon. Dudley Field Malone, Collector of the Port of New York, and the Hon. Marcus M. Marks, President of the Borough of Manhattan. Clergymen representing different religious denominations participated in this, the first attempt to hold an undenominational memorial service.

#### *Civil Service Association*

The Spanish War Veterans Civil Service Association, the President of which is Past Commander Bart Hunt, of Camp No. 92, has reached the stage where it is now a material benefit to the civil service employees who are Spanish War Veterans and to our Organization. The activity manifested in defense of section 22 of the Civil Service Laws of this State has been very apparent. Cases already decided have given an interpretation of this law favorable to all veterans. Inasmuch as there were many other cases brought to my attention by civil service employees who were Comrades in our Organization, the assistance given me by these interpretations has greatly lightened my labors. The thanks of the Department Commander are hereby extended to the officials of this Association and to the members thereof for the activity shown in all matters pertaining to the civil service. It is indeed gratifying to know that before any action was ever taken, Department Headquarters received a general line of the defense conducted. The rule established by the Association that all applicants for membership must first join some Camp of our Order has made the Association a valuable recruiting agency. It is hoped that this provision will always be a qualification for membership in their Association.

*Ladies Auxiliary*

The cordial relations existing between Department Headquarters of the Ladies Auxiliary and Department Headquarters of the U. S. W. V. has meant much for the progress of both Organizations. Misunderstood perhaps at times, but never getting discouraged, the Department and the workers in the Auxiliary are earnestly striving to be of some benefit to our Organization and to help us in our work in the cause of humanity. Their co-operation in caring for the widows and orphans of our deceased Comrades has been already appreciated.

I desire at this time to congratulate the Department President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Catherine Spolders, on her successful administration. The Department has also been honored by having within its limits the President General of Auxiliary, Mrs. Catherine Fellows. To her also on behalf of the Comrades in this Department, I herewith extend our appreciation and respect for the loyal interest shown to us.

*National Headquarters*

At the Tenth National Encampment held in Buffalo, this Department was recognized by the election of Past Commander William J. S. Dineen, of Camp No. 4, to the office of National Historian. The Commander-in-Chief appointed Comrade Ernest S. Werthiem, of Camp No. 38, Assistant Quartermaster General, and gave further recognition in the appointment of the following Aides-de-Camp:

- Comrade Patrick F. Harney, Camp No. 1.
- Comrade James S. Long, Camp No. 5.
- Comrade Charles E. Beilman, Camp No. 15.
- Comrade Bernard Flood, Camp No. 36.
- Comrade D. F. Keyes, Camp No. 42.
- Comrade Fred W. Dunson, Camp No. 58.
- Comrade A. O. Mathesius, Camp No. 59.
- Comrade Daniel Arundell, Camp No. 62.
- Comrade Robert L. Dunn, Camp No. 73.
- Comrade Julius Schiller, Camp No. 65.

In addition to the inspection of Department Headquarters made by the Adjutant-General G. E. Rausch, another official visit was

made by him to Department Headquarters on the evening of December 26, 1913. Representatives from twenty-six (26) Camps were there to welcome him and his remarks relative to the Widows and Orphans Pension Bill were greatly appreciated. Before leaving for Washington, a dinner was tendered to the Adjutant-General at the Elks Club in New York City by the Department Commander, and Past Commander E. F. Rolle, a former "Bunkie" of Comrade Rausch. Several of the Department officers were present on this occasion and every effort was made to evidence a true soldier hospitality to our distinguished visitor.

#### *Publications*

The Spanish War Review under the editorial control of the Assistant Adjutant General James E. Maynard, has shown a decided improvement during the year, particularly in the matter of giving space in each issue to the various Departments. In my estimation, however, the efficiency of this publication has been materially lessened by reason of the fact that the Tenth National Encampment had ordered that the size be greatly reduced. Therefore, it is apparent that it is impossible to secure sufficient space in the Review to report in detail many of the important public functions given by the Camps in this Department. In the monthly notes, every effort has been made to cover all the important functions, if only with a line, and perfect co-operation has been shown by the Assistant Adjutant-General in helping us to give publicity to the efforts of our Comrades, it is questionable however whether the monthly notes have met with satisfaction in this Department. The only solution to be offered is to increase the size of the publication, but as this will increase its cost, it is hardly possible that it will be done.

Another valuable publication which has given a great deal of its space to all that affects this Department is the American Standard, published in Washington, D. C. Every piece of news matter that has been sent from the various Camps, the editors have included in this publication. The American Standard has unlimited space for veteran news at its disposal and it is hoped that the Camps will investigate the proposition of supporting so valuable a publication.

Many Camp papers have appeared during the present administration, and the attention of the delegates is called to the following pamphlets published by Camps in this Department, with the hope herein expressed that other Camps will likewise follow the lead:

- Manhattan Camp News, Camp No. 1.
- The Barberite, Camp No. 3.
- The Hubbelite, Camp No. 4.
- The Camp News, Camp No. 14.
- The O'Neilite, Camp No. 15.
- The Guardian, Camp No. 19.
- The Bulletin, Camp No. 43.
- The Bulletin, Camp No. 59.
- The McKinleyite, Camp No. 62.
- The Camp News, Camp No. 91.

Other Camps publish their orders regularly in the form of a pamphlet and should be supported by the Comrades of the various Camps.

#### *Finances*

There was received from the past administration the sum of \$611.61 of which amount \$539.60 was due to National Headquarters for per capita tax payable July 1, 1913. Realizing that the next administration would need funds to successfully carry on a campaign incident to the Constitutional Convention, the slogan of "Economy" was adopted by Department Headquarters. Close scrutiny of all bills and competitive bids were some of the methods used to curtail the expenses of the Department. To further safeguard the funds of the Department, I appointed on November 1, 1913, an Auditing Committee, consisting of three Comrades from Camps No. 5 of Brooklyn, No. 10 of the Bronx, and No. 93 of Manhattan. The result of their audit on December 31, 1913, showed a balance on hand in the bank of \$932.61, and the audit to-day, June 26, 1914, shows a balance on hand of \$1,158.20.

#### *Correspondence*

As the years go by the correspondence of the Department Commander has gradually increased, until to-day it has reached a magnitude that is almost beyond belief. In the range of subjects contained in the personal communications sent out from the office

of the Department Commander, nearly every conceivable subject has been mentioned, and at times it has been necessary to consult various books of reference, to advise with many of the influential members of our Organization engaged in the several professions, and in addition to all this, to make personal requests for information from the Department Judge Advocate, and many other members of the legal profession. Owing to the heavy mail received in my own business and the fact that I have been unable to give my personal attention to the distribution of the incoming mail, the exact number of communications received pertaining to the United Spanish War Veterans is not here given. A careful record has been kept of communications sent, and the record book shows on June 26, 1914, the following:

Number of letters signed by myself and forwarded.....	2,122
Postal cards .....	610
Special delivery letters.....	26
Registered letters .....	7
Telegrams. ....	14

Many of the communications sent out were in answer to matters which should have been forwarded direct to the Department Adjutant, but so that no Comrade should be slighted, personal attention was given to every communication received.

### *Inspections*

The Department was divided into 37 inspection districts, and on March 15, 1914, 36 district inspectors to assist the Department Inspector were appointed. (See S. O. No. 4. C. S.) No Comrade was appointed a district inspector who was not of or above the grade of Past Commander, and that good judgment was used in establishing such a precedent has been proven by a complete inspection of the entire Department. For the first time in the history of our Department, every Camp in good standing has been inspected.

Department Headquarters was inspected by the Adjutant-General, acting under instructions issued by the Commander-in-Chief. A copy of the inspection report made to the Commander-in-Chief is hereto attached.

MAY 18, 1914.

*The Commander-in-Chief, United Spanish War Veterans,  
Washington, D. C.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.— Pursuant to your verbal directions, I proceeded to New York City for the purpose of inspecting the books and records of the Department of New York. It gives me pleasure to inform you that I found both books and records up to date and in an excellent shape. I was greatly impressed with the efficient filing system used by the Department, but above all I would like to call attention to the card system installed during their present administration. These cards contain a complete record of every member of that Department and all former members whose connections were severed through various causes. The Department Commander informed me that he requires the various Camp Adjutants to forward to Department Headquarters all application blanks immediately after the new applicants have been mustered, in which manner it is at once ascertained whether such applicants have held membership theretofore or not; and the records thus obtained are for numerous reasons of great and permanent value. Every Department in our Organization would do well to adopt such a system, and since a Department like that of New York, the largest Department of our Organization, has been able to demonstrate its feasibility, there is no doubt in my mind that every other Department can do the same.

I take this occasion to say that the officers of the Department of New York ought to be congratulated upon the excellent work performed during their administration.

Very fraternally yours,

G. E. RAUSCH,  
*Adjutant-General.*

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#### *Installations*

Pursuant to Section 9, Article 8, Part 5 of the Rules and Regulations, the installations of Camp officers elected for the year 1914 was conducted under the jurisdiction of the Depart-

ment Commander. It being a physical impossibility for any Department Commander in this Department to personally install the newly elected officers of all Camps, the Commanders-Elect were requested to recommend the name of the Comrade of or above the grade of Commander whom they desired to act as their installing officer. (See Par. 4, Dept. G. O. No. 6, C. S.) As a result 52 Comrades of or above the grade of Commander assisted in the installations, and the names of these will be found in Par. 2 of Dept. G. O. No. 7 and Par. 1 of Dept. G. O. No. 8, C. S. The thanks of the Department Commander are hereby extended to all who accepted these details and for their part in the carrying out of the instructions furnished. Personally I installed the newly elected officers of eleven Camps as follows: Camps Nos. 10, 23, 27, 44, 66, 68, 69, 79, 82, 87 and 93.

#### *Visits*

In addition to the installations, I made 33 official visits to 29 Camps as follows: Camps Nos. 1, 2, 4, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 32, 34, 36, 38, 43, 46, 53, 58, 59, 62, 68, 73, 89, 91, 93, 94 and 98.

Thirty-four Camp functions held under the auspices of various Camps were also visited by me. These Camps are as follows: 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 16, 19, 23, 24, 27, 37, 46, 49, 59, 61, 62, 73, 79, 82, 84, 89, 91 and 98.

Meetings of Committees representing Camps or Comrades of the Organization and the various civic functions which were visited in the capacity of Department Commander in this State were many, but there is no record of the number of these affairs which were attended and so they are not included in this report. Immediately after the annual Camp Elections held during the month of December, 1913, it was my determination to visit and meet personally as many of the new Camp Commanders as possible, with the object of securing team work and to make for the greatest efficiency in the Department. My ambition in this regard was awarded by personal contact with 63 of the 85 Camp Commanders elected for the year 1914. A considerable amount of mileage has been covered and outside of Greater New York the work of the Organization has taken me to the following localities:



White Plains, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Port Chester, Yonkers, Haverstraw, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Albany, Troy, Cohoes, Schenectady, Saratoga Springs, Plattsburgh, Middletown, Binghamton, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo.

### *Courts-Martial*

It is indeed a pleasure to report that during the present administration there has been found no necessity to administer discipline by courts-martial. A matter which has given the present Administration much concern, however, is the case of Past Commander Harry E. Smith of Camp No. 4, who was tried by court martial and found guilty. (See Dept. G. O. 12, Series 1912-1913.) On June 24, 1913, the Department Commander denied the said Past Commander Harry E. Smith a new trial, and an appeal was taken from this decision to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances of the National Encampment. On August 9, 1913, the Commander-in-Chief restored Past Commander Harry E. Smith to full membership in the United Spanish War Veterans pending the said appeal. (See S. O. No. 11, National Headquarters, Series 1913 attached.)

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## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

House Building

PITTSBURG, PA., *August 9, 1913*

**Special Orders No. 11**

Series 1913

In the matter of the trial by general Court Martial of Past Commander Harry E. Smith, a member of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Department of New York, on charges and specifications preferred by Comrade Frederick Woodhull, a member of Old Guard Camp No. 19, Department of New York, on which charges and specifications probable cause was found by said Old Guard Camp No. 19 on the 5th day of February, 1913, said trial having taken place, sentence imposed and appeal duly and regularly taken by said Past Commander Harry E. Smith to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances of the National Encampment

from the decision of the Department Commander of New York denying a new trial, and petition dated July 25, 1913, having been regularly presented to the Commander-in-Chief, upon all the proceedings, and after due consideration thereof and for cause shown.

It is hereby ordered that the appeal in said case shall operate as a supersedeas to stay the sentence imposed, until the said appeal can be determined and disposed of, and in the meantime said Past Commander Harry E. Smith is hereby restored to full membership and past rank in the United States Spanish War Veterans and to all the rights and privileges of active membership and past rank in said United Spanish War Veterans, as though said sentence had not been imposed by general Orders No. 12, Series 1912-13, Department of New York.

By order of

OSCAR T. TAYLOR,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

ARTHUR A. MOORE,  
*Adjutant General.*

[SEAL]

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At Buffalo, N. Y., on September 3, 1913, this Committee on Appeals and Grievances convened and took up this matter, and I at once raised the question of the right of this Committee to pass judgment on this case, basing my contention on the fact that the Department Commander of New York was the final reviewing authority on all sentences except dishonorable discharge from the Organization. This being a matter of law, the question was referred to the Judge Advocate General and his opinion sustained the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. (See Opinion 27 and Supplement thereto of the Judge Advocate General, Series 1913.) Further information in reference to this case will be found in the proceedings of the Tenth Annual National Encampment. After considerable correspondence, and after repeated requests, National Headquarters forwarded on April 1, 1914, a copy of National S. O., No. 13, Series of 1912-1913, which will also be found attached to this report.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

House Building

PITTSBURG, PA., September 6, 1913

Special Orders No. 13

Series 1912-13

In the matter of the trial of Past Commander Harry E. Smith, a member of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, on charges and specifications preferred by Comrade Frederick Woodhull, a member of Old Guard Camp No. 19, Department of New York, the Committee on Appeals and Grievances of the National Encampment having given due consideration to the appeal of the accused from the decision of the Department Commander of New York denying a new trial, and said Committee on Appeals and Grievances having determined that injustice has been done to the accused,

*It is ordered,* That the findings and sentence of the Court Martial be and are hereby vacated and the cause remanded to the Department Commander of the Department of New York; and that said Department Commander of the Department of New York appoint a new Court Martial for the retrial of said original charges and specifications:

Provided, however, that said Department Commander of the Department of New York may cause said original charges and specifications to be investigated, and for this purpose may appoint a commission, who, in addition to performing their duty of investigation, may endeavor to adjust any matter in which charges involve personal action by one Comrade against another, and if possible, to secure a withdrawal of the charges; and,

Provided further, that if said Department Commander of the Department of New York be of the opinion that the conviction or acquittal of the accused will not promote the best interests of the Organization, he may disapprove said original charges and

specifications, in which latter even he shall not appoint a new Court-Martial for the retrial of said original charges and specifications.

By order of  
 OSCAR T. TAYLOR,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

ARTHUR A. MOORE,  
*Adjutant General.*

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Without in any way relinquishing any of the rights and prerogatives stipulated in said special order, the Department Commander on April 4, 1914, appointed a Commission to investigate the original charges and to submit a report. This Commission was as follows: Department Senior Vice Commander O. E. Iler, Camp No. 44; Commander William E. White, Camp No. 4; Commander Alfred H. Torbet, Camp No. 19. (See S. O. No. 7, Department Headquarters, Series 1913-1914.)

The object of appointing this Commission was to secure, if possible, an amicable adjustment or the withdrawal of said charges in accordance with National Headquarters S. O. No. 13, inasmuch as it was evident that another court-martial would mean additional expense and would tend to cause strife in this Department. A copy of the decision rendered in this case by the Committee on Appeals and Grievances of the National Encampment will be found hereto attached.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT U. S. W. V.

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<p><i>In re</i> Appeal of PAST COMMANDER HARRY                  E. SMITH of Wm. Hubbell Camp No. 4,                  Department of New York. Opinion of                  Committee on Appeals and Grievances.</p>	}
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The Committee convened on order of the Commander-in-Chief designating Buffalo, N. Y., and September 3, 1913, as the place and time of meeting.

This matter comes before the Committee on the appeal of Harry E. Smith from the decision of the Commander of the

Department of New York dated June 24, 1913, denying the accused a new trial, said appeal being prosecuted under the provision of Part 6, Article I, Section 26 of the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans, and said petition on appeal praying that an order be issued directing the Commander of the Department of New York to order a new court-martial to try the accused on the original charges and specifications as provided in the aforesaid action.

This appeal is not based upon any alleged newly discovered evidence which, if presented at the trial, might affect the finding of the court, but is based upon a disclosure of facts from which it is alleged to appear that an injustice may have been done at the original trial. A full hearing upon the facts and the law was accorded to the petitioner and to the Department of New York, considered as respondent herein, at the outset of which the question of the jurisdiction of this committee was raised by the Department of New York. This being a matter of law the question was referred to the Judge Advocate General as provided in Part 2, Article VIII, Section 4 of the Rules and Regulations. It was the opinion of the Judge Advocate General, adopted by this Committee, that the terms "Other facts are disclosed" in Part 6, Article I, Section 26 of the Rules and Regulations mean facts disclosed to the Reviewing Tribunal. To construe this provision otherwise would result in depriving the accused of any review for errors occurring in the course of the trial preventing a fair trial, and in addition such construction would render meaningless the requirement that questions of law should be submitted by this committee to the Judge Advocate General.

The opinion as to the general jurisdiction of the Committee is covered by Opinion No. 27 and the Supplement thereto of the Judge Advocate General, Series 1913.

After careful examination of the records, memoranda and evidence submitted by the parties this Committee is of the opinion that other errors of a character prejudicial to the defendant occurred at the trial, enumeration of which will not now be made, as the Committee rests its decision upon one, to wit: that the Department Commander of New York should upon petition for a new trial addressed to him by the defendant below, have granted such new trial upon the fifth ground in said petition contained:

“ That the Court erred in refusing to dismiss the various charges and specifications, on the application of the accused, at the time the prosecution rested, as no evidence had been introduced by the prosecution to show that the statements contained in the various specifications and alleged to have been made by the accused, were made maliciously, recklessly and without probable cause.” A careful examination of the record up to the point at which the prosecution rested fails to disclose one iota of evidence proving or tending to prove that the alleged statements of the accused were without probable cause. The question as to whether or not such failure of proof would result in the non-establishment of the plaintiff’s case was submitted to the Judge Advocate General, and his opinion, No. 28, Series 1913, in which the Committee concurs, is to the effect that before the prosecution can rest its case it must prove the statements to have been made without probable cause, otherwise no offense was committed. The prosecution having rested its case without such proof, and the Court having overruled the motion of counsel for dismissal (pages 92-94, Record) the error of the Court in this respect necessarily resulted in an injustice to the accused. For this reason the petition of the accused from the decision of the Commander of the Department of New York refusing a new trial, is granted, said order of the Commander of the Department of New York is overruled, and the cause is remanded for a new trial in conformity with the foregoing opinion.

Your Committee considers that for the good of the Order it should here express its opinion that the participation in the trial as Assistant Judge Advocate by the prosecuting witness is a practice not in the best interests of our Organization. In fairness to the prosecuting witness your Committee wishes to add that such participation occurred under the spur of circumstances and not by design.

Respectfully submitted,  
 (Signed) E. H. HOEBER, *Chairman*,  
 GEO. T. LATIMER,  
 W. J. OTJEN,  
 WILLIAM J. SHRODER,  
*Committee on Appeals and Grievances.*

Dated, Buffalo, N. Y., September 6, 1913.

The Commission appointed in S. O. No. 7, Department Headquarters, has not as yet turned in any report.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This Commission reported on June 29, 1914, and the said report is here inserted to complete the record).

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THE ORIGINAL CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS AGAINST PAST COMMANDER HARRY E. SMITH OF WILLIAM H. HUBBELL CAMP No. 4

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RALPH H. PARKER, 51 *Leonard street*,  
*New York City*:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.— In compliance with Special Order issued by you April 4, 1914, where you appointed a Commission in the matters of charges and specifications preferred by Past Commander Frederick Woodhull, a member of Old Guard Camp No. 19, Department of New York, against Past Commander Harry E. Smith, a member of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., the following Commission investigated the original charges and specifications: Department Senior Vice Commander O. E. Iler, Commander W. E. White of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, and Commander Alfred H. Torbett of Old Guard Camp No. 19.

The Commission was successful in holding three meetings — all being present. The sentiments of Commander Torbett of Old Guard Camp No. 19, were at the time and seem to remain as follows: "Let all charges be dismissed against Past Commander Smith, except the one wherein he charges Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons of robbing a widow of a Spanish War Veteran of money rightly belonging to her." On this charge he wishes a new Court-Martial and the said Past Commander Smith to be retried on that specific charge.

The wishes and desires of Commander W. E. White are as follows: "That inasmuch as the notoriety and humiliation that Hubbell Camp had received through the previous trial and the humiliation of Past Commander Smith, and the advertising and notoriety that the Department of New York has received throughout the country, it would be much better for all concerned to let this matter rest as it now stands."

The Chairman of this Committee has on three occasions since the last three meetings, called the Committee together with the following results: First: The Chairman and Commander White present. By error of the Chairman, this meeting was called on the night of Commander Torbett's Camp meeting, no business transacted. Second: The Chairman and Commander White present; Comrade Torbett's excuse "a Comrade had died" and it was impossible for him to get to the meeting. Third: Notice was sent out by your Chairman to the other two Commissioners. In that notice I plainly stated that if the night was not agreeable to Commander Torbett, to advise me of a date that would be. Not hearing from him, Commander White and myself were at Borough Hall. Commander Torbett did not appear; and up to the time of sending my report, have not received word from my communication.

I do not know if it is your wish or desire that I, as Chairman of the Committee, should make any suggestions to you; but if the following is found of any importance that will help you in this matter, I beg to submit the same.

With the interest that is shown by Commander Torbett in this matter it seems to be very little, as he readily could have arranged to meet with us on one of the three dates offered, or had a privilege to set a date for himself, where the other two Commissioners could have met him. I feel that to continue this unpleasant affair that has existed in the Department of New York, and has been so widely published, would be a great detriment to the Department, and inasmuch as it is the earnest efforts of Hubbell Camp No. 4 to live down this unpleasantness of the past, to continue this with another Court-Martial would mean eruptions in the Camps and the Department, and, therefore, suggest to you sir, that the Department Commander disapprove of the original charges and specifications as provided for in Special Order No. 13, Series 1912-1913, National Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted in F. P. & H,

(Signed) O. E. ILER,

*Department Senior Vice Commander,  
Chairman of Commission.*

Dated, June 29, 1914.



*Recommendations*

1. That this Encampment record the recommendation to introduce at the coming State Constitutional Convention an amendment to the State Constitution giving full preference in civil service appointments, after Comrades of the G. A. R., to veterans of the Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection and China Relief Expedition; and that every ounce of energy at the disposal of the Department Headquarters be used to bring about this amendment.

2. That this Encampment disapproves of the practice of divulging what transpires in Camp meetings to Comrades who were not in attendance at the meeting where matters were discussed. Comrades anxious for the welfare of the Organization and with a keen desire to be informed of the business transacted at the meetings should attend the same and not bring up for discussion anything outside of the Camp meeting rooms which should remain solely in the keeping of Comrades until the matter has been finally disposed of at the succeeding meetings.

3. That the practice of passing the countersign from one Comrade to another in good standing should be discontinued. Comrades should be compelled to secure the countersign only from their Camp Commander. In all well disciplined organizations this is the rule and our Department and our Organization should at once take steps to stop this vicious practice.

4. That Department Headquarters deposit a wreath on the Maine Monument in Central Park, New York City, and hold suitable memorial services on each recurring anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine.

5. That this Encampment voice its appreciation of the loyalty of our Comrades in the State Legislature and that the thanks of this Department be given to Senator Anthony J. Griffin for his labor on behalf of the Exemption from Taxation Bill and also to Assemblyman Franklin W. Cristman, Beveridge C. Dunlop, Samuel R. Green and Dean Nelson, all active workers in behalf of legislation favorable to our cause.

6. That the thanks of this Encampment be given to Lieut-Col. Frank H. Hines and to Major Joseph I. Berry for their many courtesies in permitting us to use the Second Field Artillery

Armory, Borough of the Bronx, New York City, for Department Headquarters during the past term.

7. That this Encampment record its appreciation of the Comradely interest shown by the Adjutant-General of the State of New York, Comrade H. De Witt Hamilton, and extend to him well wishes for his future success.

8. That this Encampment telegraph its greetings to the President of the United States, to the Governor of the State of New York and to the Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans.

9. That this Encampment forward its thanks to the Commandant of the State Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Bath, N. Y., Col. Joseph E. Ewell, for his many evidences of kindly consideration to our Comrades.

10. That this Encampment record a reciprocal feeling of gratitude to the Department of New Jersey for the kind treatment received on various occasions by the Departmental Officers of this Department.

11. That this Encampment instruct the incoming Department Commander to appoint a Committee to draft a new set of by-laws to comply with the Rules and Regulations, and that this Committee report to the next Department Encampment.

#### *Department Officers*

In making my appointments for the past term, it has been my aim to recognize the three branches of the service, namely: the Army, the Navy and the Marine Corps.

Perhaps no Department Commander in the history of the Department has ever been more fortunate than I have in having about me such loyal and efficient Departmental Officers. Every elective and appointive officer was faithful to the trust reposed in him and at all times loyal to the obligations of our Order. Every one determined to make their office a factor in carrying on the work of our Organization.

#### *Department Senior Vice-Commander*

A most valuable helpmate in conducting the administrative affairs of the Department and loyal and ever ready to accept details, Comrade Oliver E. Iler, proved his worth. Comrade Iler has

undoubtedly made a record for mileage as an Installing Officer traveling from Poughkeepsie to Buffalo for the purpose of installing the officers of Camp No. 12 and then making a 438-mile trip from Buffalo to New York in order to act in the same capacity for the officers of Camp No. 59. My thanks are given to the Department Senior Vice Commander for his fidelity and loyalty to me.

*Department Junior Vice-Commander*

I was most fortunate in having as Department Junior Vice Commander Thomas S. Scott, whose business was of such a character that it brought him into many cities of the State and thus brought him into close contact with many of the smaller camps. This enabled Department Headquarters to come in direct personal contact with these camps and thus made for the upbuilding of our Organization. When the Mexican War scare arose, Comrade Thomas S. Scott was one of the first Comrades to assist in the tabulation of volunteers from our Organization. My sincere thanks for his endeavors throughout the term is here now recorded.

*Chief of Staff*

One of my valuable assistants has been the Hon. Alfred J. Kennedy of Camp No. 29, formerly a member of the New York State Assembly, but now Postmaster of Flushing, N. Y. Comrade Kennedy was well qualified to give me advice on legislative matters without which a Department Commander cannot be successful. I desire to express my thanks to the Chief of Staff for the assistance he has given me during the past year.

*Department Adjutant*

The backbone of an administration is the Department Adjutant. Perhaps no other Department officer outside of the Department Commander himself, is more responsible for the success or failure of a Department Administration of the United Spanish War Veterans. Having been personally acquainted with Comrade William Jones for many years, I felt that there was no Comrade in the Department who more thoroughly understood and appreciated my personal ideas in regard to the administering

of the affairs of this Department. His previous labors on behalf of the Organization demonstrated that he was amply qualified for the position. As a result of his ability and his knowledge of my personal wishes, perfect harmony prevailed. The responsibility of perfecting a complete card index of every Comrade in the Department was placed upon the shoulders of the Department Adjutant. His report will show to the Comrades what enormous labor he has given to complete this card index, but suffice to say that the index is a fact and there is on record over 15,000 names. I doubt if I can ever repay my debt of gratitude to the Department Adjutant William Jones for his loyalty to me, his fidelity to the trust reposed in him, his sacrifices to the Organization and for his untiring efforts to bring to a successful conclusion the present administration.

#### *Department Quartermaster*

Another officer of the Department who at times has had tedious work to perform is Comrade Terrence J. O'Donnell of Camp No. 38. While the financial books were handled by the Department Adjutant's office, nevertheless the increased activity throughout the Department made the work of keeping the stock books and the packing of supplies quite a job in itself. The motto set by Comrade Terrence J. O'Donnell was "promptness," and the fact that he held to this idea can best be substantiated by the Camp officers who have transacted official business with him. I wish to voice my high appreciation of his loyal and kindly cooperation with the Department Adjutant, and to thank him for the earnestness and for the promptness with which he conducted the routine work of his office.

#### *Department Inspector*

No more glowing tribute could be paid to Comrade Isaac Joel of Camp No. 8 than to draw attention to the fact that every Camp in good standing in this Department has been inspected. Department Inspector Isaac Joel is to be congratulated, and I extend to him my deep appreciation for the performance of a duty that has made a record during the present administration.

*Department Judge Advocate*

This Department was indeed fortunate in electing the Hon. Calvin S. McChesney of Camp No. 2 to the office of Department Judge Advocate. It is with pleasure that I take this opportunity of thanking Comrade Calvin S. McChesney, the Surrogate of Rensselaer county, for the exactness and the deep study which he has given to all judicial questions submitted to him, and for his valuable cooperation in the work of passing approval on the various Camp by-laws referred to Department Headquarters.

*Department Surgeon*

Comrade Frank W. Ross, M. D., of Camp No. 40, has been another of the Departmental Officers who determined to make his office something else besides that of an empty title. The record of his activity will be found in Department General Orders and I thank him sincerely for the interest he has shown in the work of the present Department Administration.

*Department Chaplain*

The Rev. William H. I. Reaney of Camp No. 5, who is still an active Chaplain in the United States Navy, but has still found time to keep in communication with Department Headquarters, is also worthy of my highest appreciation. Even while on the firing line at Vera Cruz, Mexico, he found time to communicate with the Department Commander, and make frequent inquiries after the welfare of Comrades and shipmates in this Department. I consider it a high honor to have had on my staff our well known and beloved Shipmate, the Rev. William H. I. Reaney.

*Department Marshal*

My thanks are due Comrade William Gilbert of Camp No. 25, for the attention he has paid to Department matters and for his efforts to build up our Organization in the vicinity of Rochester.

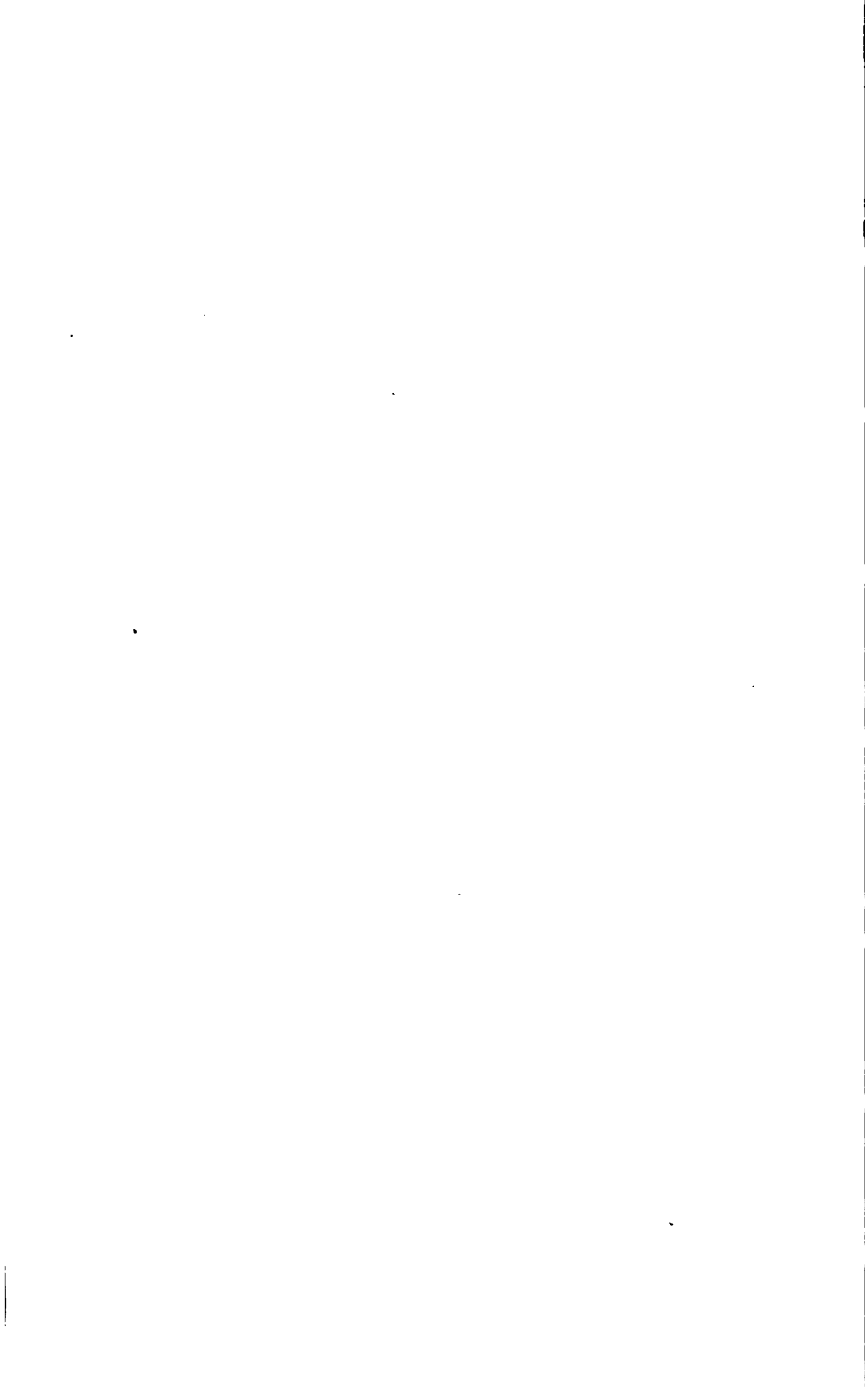
*Department Historian*

Comrade Patrick J. Guilfoyle of Camp No. 86, has endeavored to make the office of Department Historian something creditable to this Administration. This Department Officer has travelled con-



Department Marshal WILLIAM GILBERT

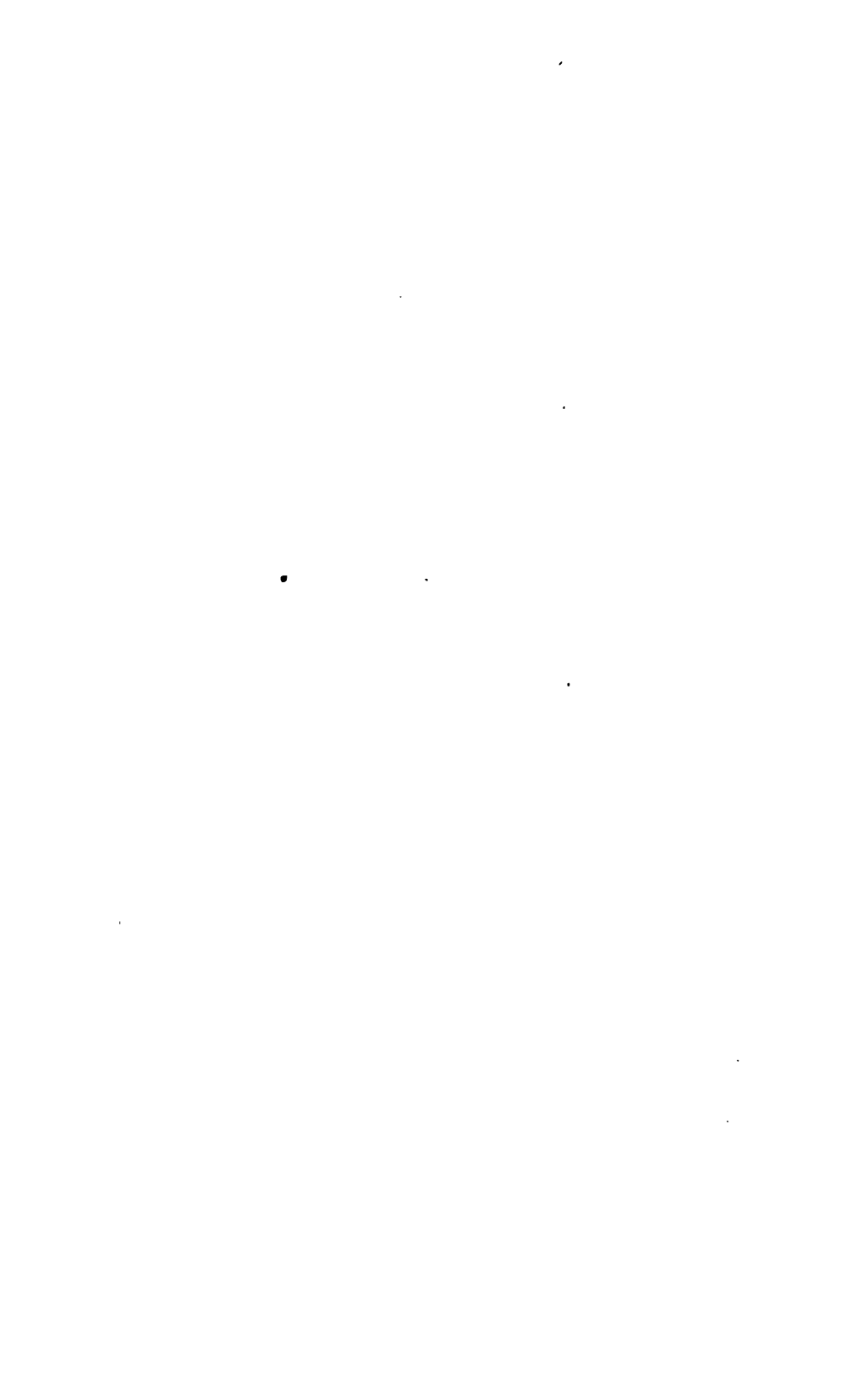






**Assistant Department Adjutant BENJ. ROSENBERG**





siderably throughout the State and has carried the welfare of Department Headquarters wherever he has gone. His encouragement and valuable assistance has been given to the smaller Camps where such is most needed. No mistake was made in appointing Comrade Patrick J. Guilfoyle to this office and I wish to express to him my heartfelt thanks.

*Department Patriotic Instructor*

A new addition to the list of Staff Officers has been John J. Fitzgerald of Camp No. 84. In making this appointment, recognition was given to those Comrades in the Department who had served in the United States Marine Corps. Comrade Fitzgerald assumed the duties of his office with a determination to make the principles of patriotism known not alone in our Organization, but also in the community. He has demonstrated in many ways his ability and his loyalty, and I owe to him a debt of gratitude for his determination to make this office something that will redound to the credit of the U. S. W. V. in the State of New York.

*First Assistant Department Adjutant*

Comrade Ben. Rosenberg of Camp No. 59, in the month of January, 1914, was installed as a Camp Commander, bringing added duties and responsibilities to himself. As his Camp duties began to increase, he found that in justice to all concerned he should resign his office as Assistant Department Adjutant, but I did not accept his resignation until May 1, 1914. For his clerical labors at Headquarters and for his many other evidences of activity, I hereby extend my thanks.

*Second Assistant Department Adjutant*

Comrade John S. Strachen of Camp No. 11, was the watch dog of the Department at Albany and has always proven a most loyal and valuable assistant. His unselfish interest in our Organization can best be illustrated by the fact that he would render no bill for his expenses on behalf of Department Headquarters during the present Administration. My thanks to Comrade John S. Strachen is hereby recorded.

*First Assistant Department Quartermaster*

Comrade William J. Keating of Camp No. 5, has been the Department representative in the Borough of Brooklyn, and I hereby extend my thanks for the sacrifices he has made while serving as a member of the Department Staff on official visits.

*Second Assistant Department Quartermaster*

Comrade Alfred F. Kuhn of Camp No. 12, has been the Department representative in the city of Buffalo, and to him I also extend my thanks for the impartial manner in which he has conducted such official duties as he has had to perform.

*Department Musician*

Comrade John Temme of Camp No. 8, is known to all the Comrades throughout the Department, and I take pleasure in extending to him my thanks for the many times he has officiated at burial services on the request of Department Headquarters.

*Conclusion*

In concluding I must not overlook the seventy (70) Department Aides, many of whom have accompanied me on official visits and assisted me in various ways. The Transportation Aide, Comrade John E. J. Clare, arranged for the U. S. W. V. special train to the National Encampment at Buffalo, and endeavored to secure a special reduced fare for the Eleventh Department Encampment. There have been other Comrades holding no official position in the Organization who have given both their time and their money towards assisting me in conducting the various details of my office. To these Comrades my sincere and heartfelt thanks are extended. To all my other Comrades and Shipmates in the Department who have given the present administration such loyal support, I extend my best wishes for their future welfare and for the welfare of our beloved Organization. No words of mine can ever express my deep appreciation of the high honor that has been conferred upon me in being selected Department Commander for the year now ending. My services will always be at the disposal of the Department of New York which has so signally honored me.

Respectfully submitted in F. P. & H.,

RALPH H. PARKER,

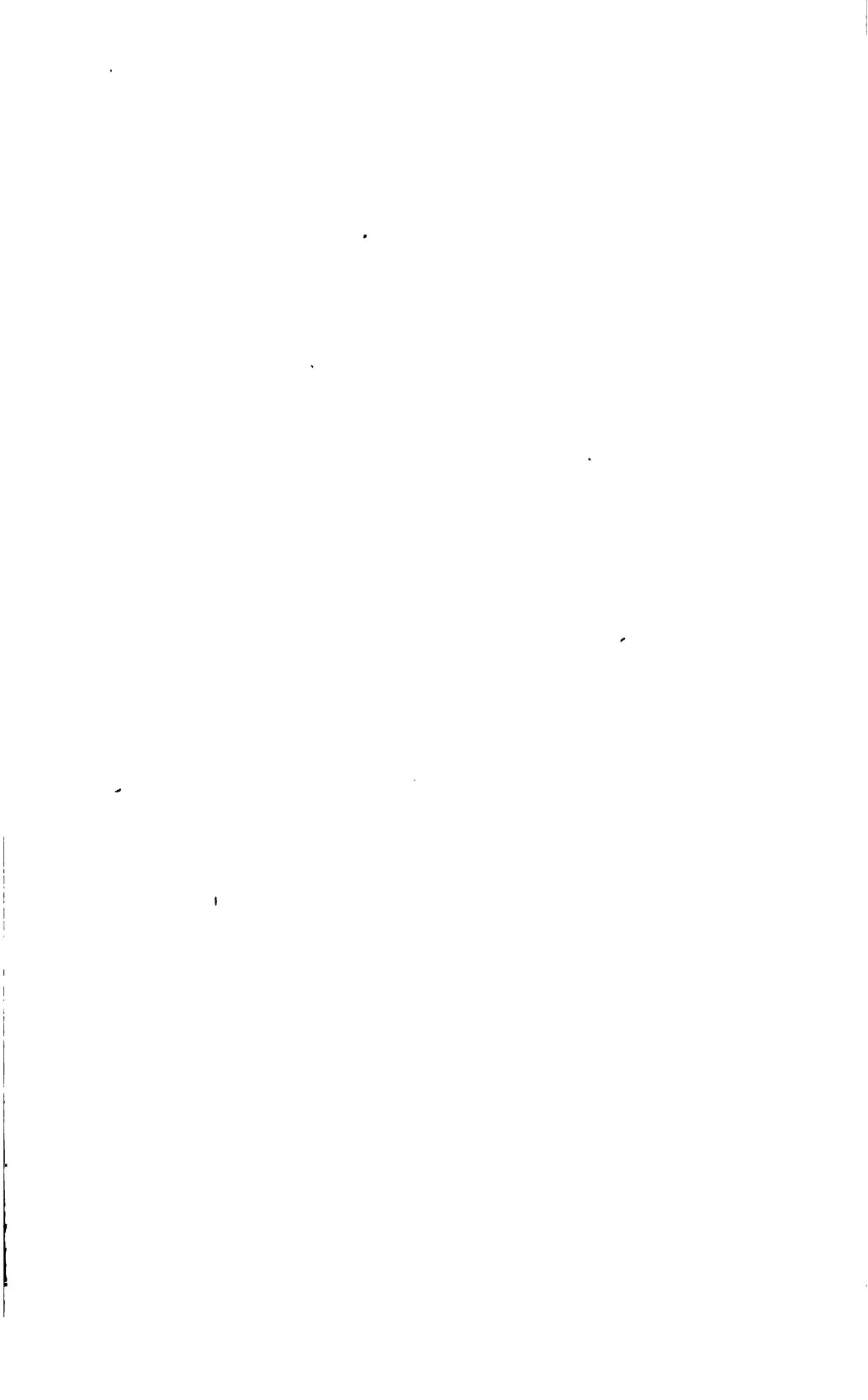
*Department Commander.*

June 26, 1914.



Assistant Department Quartermaster WILLIAM J. KEATING





DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Now Comrades, in the rush of getting out this Parade Order for the Parade this afternoon, it was impossible to get time to read proof, and hence there is a correction necessary. Camp No. 90 and Camp No. 95 were not included in this Special Order No. 10, and they will follow in their proper rotation. Camp No. 90 will form directly behind Camp No. 89 in the division headed by the Department Judge Advocate; and Camp No. 95 will take its proper place behind Camp No. 94 and ahead of Camp No. 96 in the division headed by the Department Surgeon.

Is there any officer whose report has not been received? (No reply.)

We will then have the reports of the committees.

The Advisory Committee has not yet been able to get together.

Is the Resolutions Committee ready to make a report of any kind?

CHAIRMAN OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Yes, a partial report, Department Commander.

A COMRADE:

A point of information! I have three resolutions that I wish to present and I have not been able to find out to whom to present them.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Send them to Past Commander Johnson; he is the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.

Now Comrades, this report that we are to hear from the Resolutions Committee is only a partial report

Will the Department Chief of Staff take a seat on the platform?

You had better take a seat on the platform, Department Senior Vice-Commander.

*Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48*

JUNE 27, 1914.

GREETING.—The following resolution unanimously adopted at a regular meeting of Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, Brooklyn, New York, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, June 27, 1914.

Whereas, Richard Schmittke, having served five consecutive years as Camp Adjutant of Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, Department of New York, and that for his faithful and continuous service he be given the rank of Past Camp Commander.

Re it resolved by the Eleventh Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans do hereby endorse Richard Schmittke Past Adjutant of Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, for five years of faithful and consecutive service as Camp Adjutant, and that he be given the rank of Past Camp Commander, and

Be it further resolved, That all officers and delegates from this Encampment in attendance at the National Encampment at Louisville, Kentucky, use all honorable and dignified means to secure for Comrade Richard Schmittke the rank of a Past Camp Commander for his long, faithful and continuous service as Camp Adjutant.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SPOLDERS,

*Adjutant.*

Your Committee disapproves of this resolution, as it is special legislation; and recommend that it be rejected.

COMRADE SPOLDERS, Camp No. 48:

I beg of you to not concur in the recommendations of the Committee on Resolutions. I ask that it be brought before this Convention at the present time; and I make that as a motion, Department Commander.

A COMRADE from Camp No. 66:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It has been regularly moved and seconded that this matter be brought before the Encampment at the present time.

COMRADE WOODHULL, Camp No. 19:

On the motion. I do not see how, Comrade Commander, this motion can be properly put before this body, as it is in direct violation of the Rules and Regulations governing this Organization. No motion can hold appointing a Comrade to the position

of Past Commander without his having filled the Commander's chair at least one full term. The Rules and Regulations specifically cover it.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Excuse me a moment — are you rising on the motion, or a point of order?

COMRADE WOODHULL:

The motion is cut of order, owing to the fact that it is covered by the Rules and Regulations.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair rules that the point of order is not well taken.

COMRADE WOODHULL:

I appeal from the ruling of the Chair.

A COMRADE:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Appeal has been taken, Comrades. I may have been misunderstood. I will ask the Senior Vice-Commander to take the Chair. I will open the debate by explaining my position.

(Senior Vice-Commander takes the Chair.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, I ruled that this was in order —

COMRADE CARROLL, Camp No. 73:

This is a question that must be decided by a vote without any debate as to whether the ruling of the Chair shall be upheld or not. We all know what the question is.

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER:

The Chair has the right to explain his position.

COMRADE CARROLL:

I make an exception to that. That is not according to parliamentary ruling at all. If you will allow me I will show where we are certainly going to come to an "impasse," where we cannot carry on business. You, as Chairman, may rule that the Comrade who has discussed the question, that the Comrade is



out of order, and then some one may appeal from your decision, and then you will step down, and then some one else take the Chair and he may give a ruling, and he may also be appealed from, and we will continue along that line until every man here shall have taken the Chair — and that is a parliamentary rule, or parliamentary law.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will withdraw.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Appeal from the decision of the Chair, according to parliamentary law, is not debatable.

COMRADE BLOUNT, Camp No. 97:

In order to get out of this tangle, I move as a substitute to the entire proposition that the recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions be concurred in by the Encampment.

A COMRADE:

I second the motion.

A COMRADE:

Point of order. Unquestionably, according to parliamentary rules, Comrade, when an appeal is taken from a decision of the Chair, the Chair is given over to the next person in rank. The appellant states why he appeals. The Chair states what he bases his decision upon; and the House votes either to concur with the Chairman, or with the appellant.

COMRADE BLOUNT:

I make it as a substitute to cover the entire proposition; that the entire matter be submitted, and that the Encampment agree with the —

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrade Blount, sit down.

COMRADE WOODHULL:

Point of order. (Cries of sit down.)

COMRADE FINKLESTONE:

Comrade Parker —

A COMRADE:

I move the question .

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

It is not debatable. We are going to take a vote on it.

COMRADE BLOUNT:

I call for a reading of the minutes. (Cries of "sit down.")

A motion for a substitute —

A COMRADE:

The Comrade making an appeal has a perfect right to state his reason for making the appeal.

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

Comrade, I don't think this subject is debatable.

A COMRADE from Camp No. 12:

Mr. Chairman —

COMRADE FINKLESTONE, Camp No. 23:

Point of order.

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

All those in favor of the motion signify by the usual sign. (Chairman calls for a rising vote sustaining the decision of the Chair.)

COMRADE McCoy, Camp No. 59:

"Shall the decision of the Chair be the decision of this Body?"

I then expect the Chair to put the motion in that way.

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

Shall the decision of the Chair be the decision of this Body? (Vote is taken: "Yeas" and "Nays.") The decision stands. (Applause.)

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:

Attempts to resume reading Resolutions —

A COMRADE:

What provision has been made for — (Interruption.)

My understanding of the present proceeding is that this Comrade appealed from or against that motion being put as it was.

The motion from Comrade Spolders was that the report be not concurred in.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (Returned to the Chair):

What is it you want to know?

A COMRADE:

I rise to ask the question as to what is going to be done on that report.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It is to be non-concurred in.

COMRADE WOODHULL, Camp No. 19:

I understood it to be your decision. If I am in error I make my apologies to this Body for my action.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any further misunderstanding about this Resolution?

COMRADE JOHN M. MOYER, Camp No. 29:

Comrade Spolders made a motion that the report of the Committee on Resolutions be not concurred with; and then a gentleman over here said the motion was out of order and that was what he took the appeal on.

A COMRADE:

Now, Comrade Commander, I make a motion that the report of the Committee on Resolutions be accepted. Why not?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Now, I will give you a chance, Comrades; you are going to vote on the question. It is not debatable. All those in favor, say "Aye." The "Ayes" have it.

A COMRADE:

The motion is debatable.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

A call for the question is not debatable. The Encampment itself just decided that it desired debate cut off.

A COMRADE:

There was no chance for debate given; absolutely none.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

The motion is that the report of the Committee on Resolutions be not concurred in. All those in favor of the non-concurrence signify by saying "Aye." On the contrary "No." The "Noes" have it, and the motion is lost.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON of Committee on Resolutions:**

(Attempting to resume reading Resolutions.) There is only one man that can talk in this Assembly and be heard. Now, I would like to be that one man.

**COMRADE ALEXANDER, Camp No. 11:**

I make a motion that the Committee's report just made, be acted upon by this Convention, or "approved as read."

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

Your idea is to either approve or disapprove the recommendations of the Committee? Its regularly moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Committee be approved of.

Carried.

**COMRADE MCCOY:**

I move you, Department Commander, that where there is no objection, that the report of the Committee be concurred in by this Body.

Adopted.

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON of Resolution Committee, reads:**

I respectfully submit for consideration the following resolution:

That a sufficient number of copies of the law relating to the misuse of the badge and button of the United Spanish War Veterans be printed and distributed, in order to enforce the law; as policemen refuse to take any action without same.

Respectfully,

**FREDERICK BURNS,**

*Commander, Captain W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp No. 29.*

Your Committee favors the sentiment of this resolution and believes that this law should be better known by our membership, and would recommend that each Camp have this section of the law printed on cards and supply all members of their locality.

Adopted.

*Resolution*

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee of this Department be and are hereby requested and directed to draw up and present at the next Legislature a bill granting to Veterans of the Spanish War and incident campaigns in the Philippines and China, a preference in appointments and retention in service of Armory employees.

THOMAS F. PROVOOST,

*Commander,*

Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, U. S. W. V.,  
Department of New York.

Your Committee favors this resolution and recommends its adoption.

Adopted.

COMRADE SIMMONS, Camp No. 19:

There is a report eliminating Armory employees. Make it apply to Civil Service.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON (of Committee on Resolutions): That is not Civil Service. It simply refers to Armory employees who are not under the protection of the Civil Service regulations.

(A Comrade's question of information is answered, he having just come in and made inquiry as to the resolution under discussion.)

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON, of Committee on Resolutions, reads:

Resolved, That the resolution passed at Binghamton and Syracuse, calling upon Department Officers to have their annual reports in the hands of the Department Commander, in sufficient time before the Annual Encampment, to permit of their being published in printed form, be made obligatory; and that failure on the part of any Department Officer, elective or appointive, except the Department Inspector, as hereinafter mentioned, to comply with said resolution shall be excused only by vote of the Encampment.

Be it further resolved, That only the Department Inspector shall read to the Encampment his full report, same to be printed,

but that he be allowed to add a supplementary report in writing if same should be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,  
By GEORGE D. RUSSELL CAMP NO. 43.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON :

Second clause is too drastic and not for the best interests of the Organization. Recommend its rejection.

COMRADE SCHINN, Camp No. 43 :

We were all here yesterday afternoon, and we lost the entire afternoon because of the dereliction of the officers we elected during the past administration. There was an officer going to read his report yesterday afternoon. They offered no excuse, this delegation. This matter is rather too drastic in its present shape, there should be some method by which we can compel our officers to comply with the Rules and Regulations, so that they will be enough ashamed of themselves to get their report in in time and printed. I think there should be some action taken to discipline these officers. We would have been as far advanced at this time yesterday as we are now, if the officers had done their duty.

COMRADE CARROLL, Camp No. 73 :

I move that the last part of that report be stricken out and about " disciplining."

I also move that in addition thereto that we set forth in that resolution that no officer who has failed to obey the ruling of this body to render a report shall be permitted to read it at the Convention; but that the printed reports shall be distributed amongst the delegates as provided for by a rule of a previous Encampment of the Department of New York.

COMRADE FINKLESTONE, Camp No. 23 :

I second that amendment.

COMRADE JOHNSON :

I move as a substitute that the resolution be re-committed to the Committee.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any objection? If you do not object we will re-commit it and then we can adopt it later. (Resolution re-committed, and not again called for.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Are there any more Committees ready to report?

(No reply.)

Is the Credential Committee prepared to make a report?

("No, not ready yet.")

(Chairman Johnson of the Committee on Resolutions asks permission to leave the platform to resume consideration of resolutions to be presented to his Committee.)

COMRADE FLOREA, Camp No. 19:

Department Commander, I make a motion that each Delegate be limited to two minutes' discussion of any motion, and that no Delegate be allowed to speak twice on the same motion. WE

HAVE GOT TO SAVE TIME!

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

That part about being not permitted to speak more than once — the mover of the motion should have the closing of the debate. Anybody second this motion.

COMRADE McCoy:

I move you, sir, that inasmuch as it is getting very late, a great many of the Comrades here are very anxious to know what time the nominations are to be made. I move you, sir, that we fix upon a definite time for nominations to be made this afternoon; and to arrange for the calling of this Convention for the sole purpose of having nominations made here on the floor; that the ballot be printed by the Department Officers and distributed to-morrow morning. Then there will be a convention this afternoon to meet for the express purpose of having nominations of the candidates made for the various offices.

A COMRADE:

I second the motion.

The motion is put and carried.

COMRADE MCCOY:

I ask the Department Commander of this Encampment to give us an idea of the time the parade will be over, so that we can come here and have these nominations made.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrade Alexander of Camp No. 11, the Encampment would like to know how long this line of march will be; and what the prospects are for us getting back here at a certain time this afternoon?

COMRADE ALEXANDER:

It sounds very simple. The parade is to form at two o'clock and get under way about two-thirty. I hope you will push the nominations along; therefore, you will have to meet here sharp at one-thirty. Every man will have to be in the same uniform he expects to use in the parade. The line of march is two miles in length.

COMRADE FINKLESTONE, Camp No. 23:

(Tries to put "a substitute motion.")

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We are not on a motion. We are trying to get information.

COMRADE FINKLESTONE:

I want to know if we are to come back to the Armory after the parade. I make a substitute motion —

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

There is no motion to substitute. We are trying to get information.

COMRADE MCCOY:

I move sir, that the nominations be made as soon as we get back from the parade this afternoon — as soon as the parade that the nominations be made. Now, to be more specific: As long as the parade is not going to take us over to Gloversville, I think we ought to be over with it by four o'clock. I move you, sir, that we proceed with the nominations at four-thirty this afternoon.

Motion seconded.



COMRADE NIEMEYER, Camp No. 29:

It is half past eleven now, and why could we not make the nominations now and settle it in about an hour? (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any further debate on that?

COMRADE NIEMEYER:

I make that in the form of an amendment.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

What is your amendment?

COMRADE NIEMEYER:

That we make the nominations at twelve o'clock. My idea is to stay here till we attend to that.

Amendment seconded.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

An amendment has been made that we make the nominations at twelve o'clock.

A COMRADE:

Why should we set this at twelve o'clock? Half the Comrades won't be here. The time to have this caucus is when we get all the men together, and the time to get them together is when we have the parade. Now, this is not for a few — this is for everybody.

COMRADE YEMANS, Camp No. 90:

Regarding the amendment, I think the remarks of the Comrade well made — it seems to me that the friends of every candidate is now here, and I am therefore in favor of the amendment.

A COMRADE:

I think if we try to hurry this at twelve o'clock we many of us have got to get our dinner and get on our uniform and come here for the parade. If we come here at four-thirty we do not care. I am opposed to the amendment.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We are going to vote on whether to shut off debate. The question has been called for. All those in favor of calling for the previous question, signify by saying "Aye."

Carried.

All in favor of twelve o'clock for the nomination of officers, signify by saying "Aye."

The motion is lost.

All those in favor of nominating officers at four-thirty, signify by saying "Aye."

The "Ayes" have it.

COMRADE COWLES, Camp No. 12:

Department Commander, I make a motion — I rise to a point of privilege. I would like to ask for you to recommend to each remaining man here that we are here for United Spanish War Veterans' affairs, and it does not matter whether we miss our dinner or not; and I recommend that the Chair would so state, viz.: that we are here on business and not on pleasure. If we miss our dinner, well and good. From the remarks of the Comrade, he said he would like to have the Comrades meet here for nominating officers at twelve o'clock.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If you want to make a motion you may do so.

A COMRADE:

I move we adjourn.

This was duly seconded.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

A motion to adjourn is not debatable.

DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR:

I wish to make an announcement that immediately after adjournment there will be a meeting here, and I hope those who are interested will remain. All Patriotic Instructors, Past Commanders and Commanders of Camps, and any one who desires, will please remain after adjournment for about five minutes. Something of interest about carrying on the work will be read here, and I want your opinion on the resolutions before being presented to the Resolutions Committee; then you will have the right and the opportunity to check up anything you desire, and to submit anything you think will be of benefit to the work. So if you will kindly wait after adjournment, I shall be obliged.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: (Makes an announcement about the large flag that is to be carried in the parade this afternoon by the Comrades from Thomas Barber Camp No. 3 of Binghamton.)

COMRADE ALEXANDER, Camp No. 11:

Comrade Department Commander, I would suggest that you have a letter read from the Secretary of President Wilson at Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

That was read before you arrived.

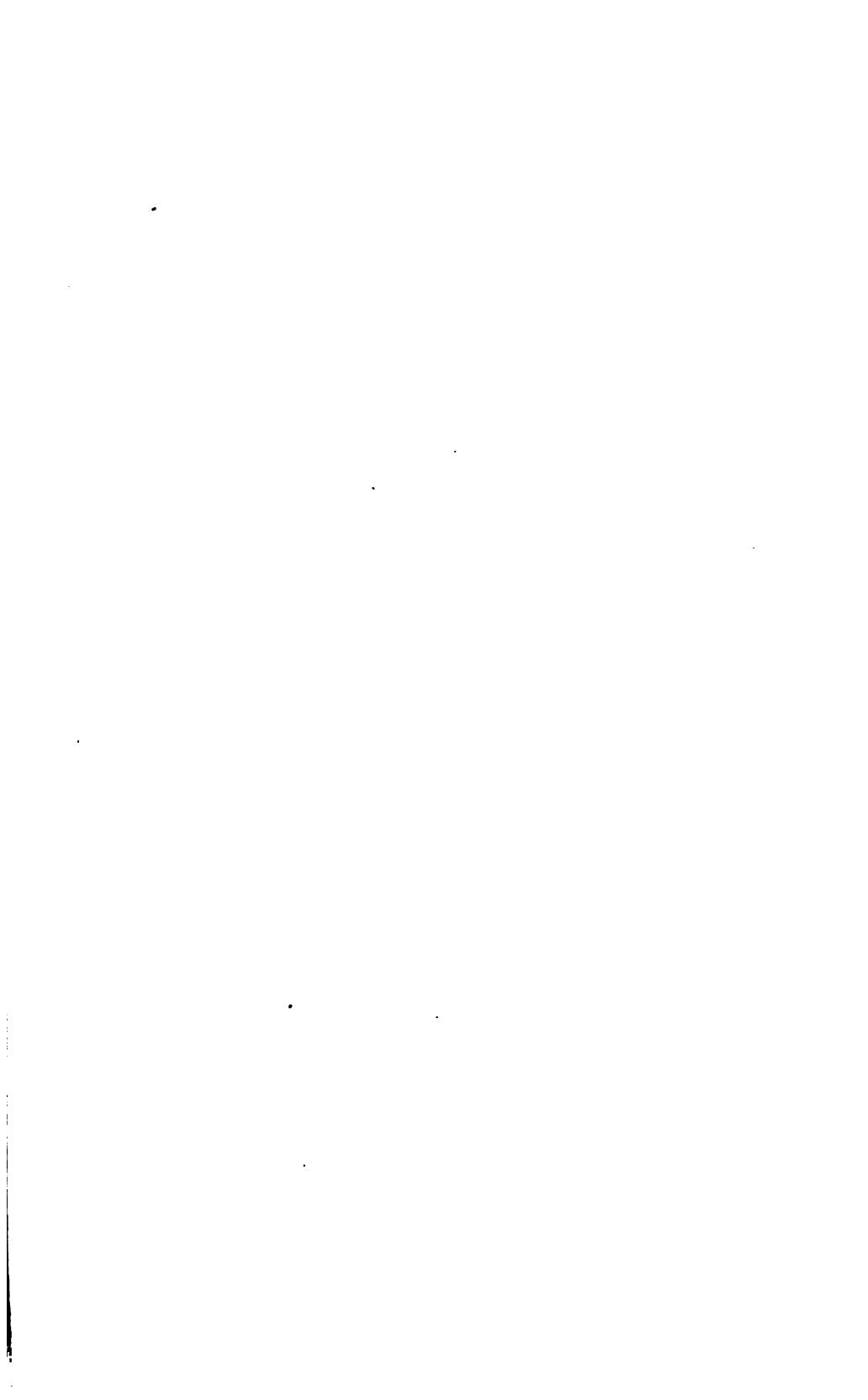
The Encampment adjourned at eleven-forty-five A. M.

(The parade was held in the afternoon. It was somewhat marred by rain, but in spite of that it was most gratifying. The files of the Schenectady papers of this day's date contain friendly references to same.)



Department Commander and Staff, Encampment Parade, Schenectady, N. Y., July 7, 1914

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**SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION**

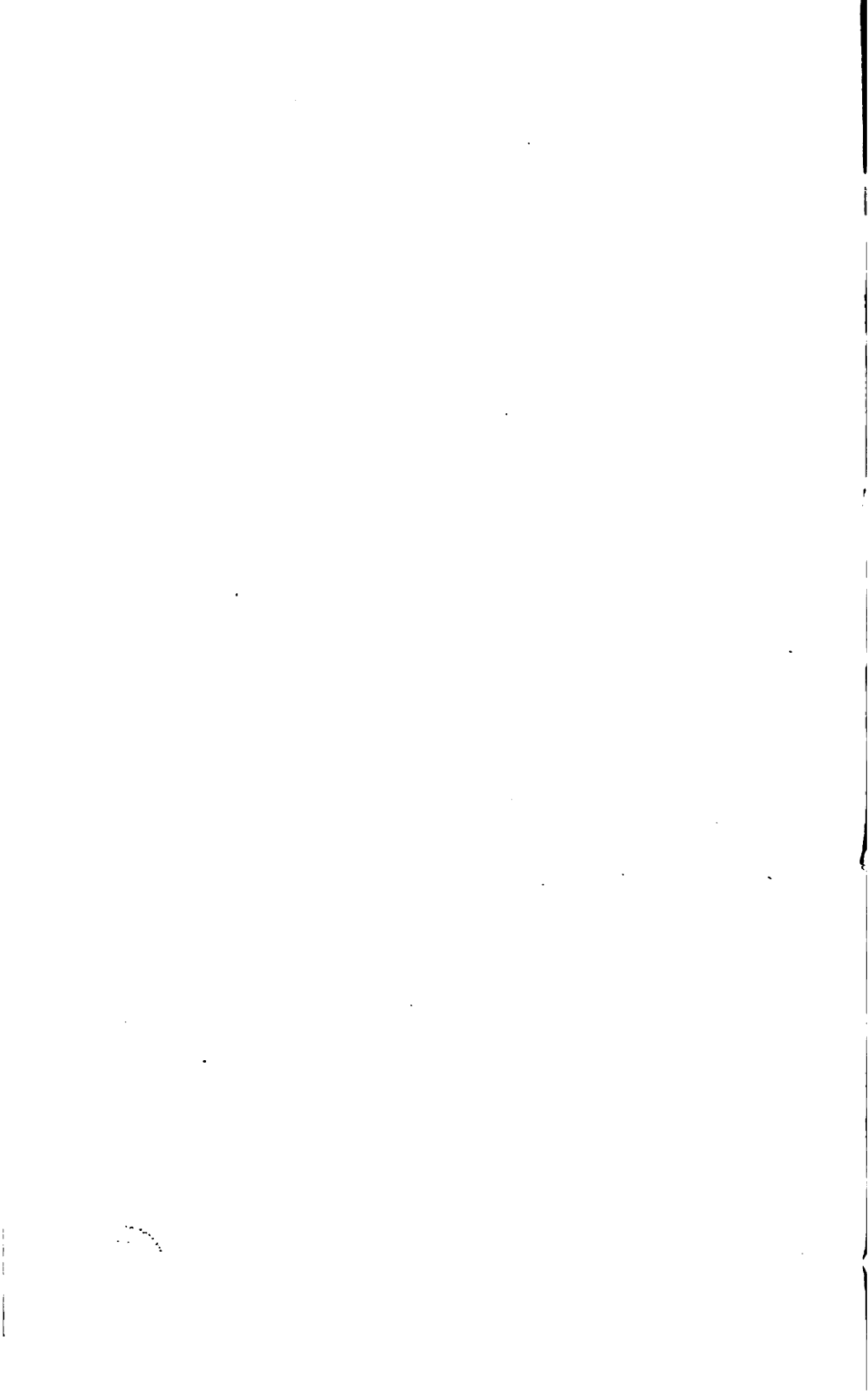
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Department Chaplain WILLIAM H. I. REANEY, U. S. N.







## SECOND DAY

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Afternoon Session—Tuesday, July 7, 1914

(After the Parade.)

The Department Commander called the Encampment to order at five-thirty P. M. The session was opened by the Chaplain, Rev. William H. I. Reaney, offering

### *Prayer*

Our Father who Art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

There is a Committee in waiting from the Auxiliary, and if there is no objection we will now receive the ladies.

All right, bring the ladies down the center of the aisle if the Committee is already with the Ladies.

DEPARTMENT MARSHAL GILBERT:

SIR: The Ladies' Delegation from the Department of New York, with their escorts.

(Five ladies from the Auxiliary are escorted to the platform by Comrades Gilbert, Herrick, Guilfoyle and Cunningham.)

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER CUNNINGHAM:

Department Commander: Your Committee appointed this forenoon to wait upon the Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans in Convention assembled, desire to report that we have performed the duty placed in our care, and we now have pleasure in presenting to you the Committee from the Auxiliary with the statement that they desire to express the greetings of the Auxiliary to this Encampment, it is also accompanied by the president General of the Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

You have heard the report of the Committee, and if there is no objection it will be accepted, and the Committee discharged.

It is so ordered.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

Now, Comrades, we have here a Committee from the Ladies Auxiliary who have entered the Encampment for the purpose of extending the greetings of the Department of New York Ladies' Auxiliary. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Fellows, the President General of the Ladies' Auxiliary, who desires to express greetings. (Applause.)

**MRS FELLOWS:**

Comrade Department Commander and Comrades: I fear that I am a little late, as I was scheduled to speak at the opening session yesterday, but owing to the fact that I was not officially notified of course I could not be present. I thought that the first session of my own Encampment would be enough for me, and that is why I was not present here yesterday morning. However, I came this afternoon to bring you the greetings of the National Auxiliary and to tell you that we are doing all in our power to assist the Organization in whatever way we possibly can.

We have taken up the Widows and Orphans' Bill and communicated with the Senators in Washington and have received many replies, which we have filed at your National Headquarters.

We have also taken up the Urell Monument matter, and I am sure that quite an amount of money will be turned over to your Committee.

We have also formed a Maine Memorial Committee, which plans for this year to have a fund for the perpetuation of the memory of the Maine heroes; and also to have money in the Relief Treasury, so that we can go right on with the relief work without having to call on the Organization every time. All of which is this year's work; and I hope that in the future the Auxiliary will take up new work. And I know you wish to have your communications, and so I conclude by saying that I thank you for your kind attention. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I can assure you, Mrs. President-General, the Encampment feels highly honored by your presence here this afternoon.

Now, we will hear from the Department Senior Vice President of the Department of New York, Mrs. Beilman.

MRS. BEILMAN:

Commander Parker and Comrades: It gives me very great pleasure to be the one to convey to you the greetings of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Department of New York and to offer you their very best wishes. We were very glad to receive your greetings this morning, and are pleased with your wishes for our success. We are pleased to hear that the *live* Camps are the ones that have the Ladies' Auxiliaries. It shows that the Camps are beginning to appreciate the Auxiliary and to recognize the worth of the Ladies' Auxiliary. I hope that those Camps which have no Auxiliary will come home with the intention of forming one right away. I bring a resolution that I will present to Commander Parker in regard to Camps and Auxiliaries. I thank you, Comrades.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Sister Beilman: I am pleased to say to you that the Encampment is pleased to hear that the Auxiliary's Encampment has sent to us to convey their greetings, a person who did justice to the occasion; and I sincerely hope the Camp Commanders will weigh carefully the words of the Auxiliary Officers, and take into careful consideration the possibility of forming Auxiliaries.

In regard to the resolution, I will see that it is carefully considered. You will please assure the Sisters it will receive our careful attention.

I think it would be an oversight, Comrades, if I failed to introduce to the Encampment the other Sisters who are members of this Committee which has been sent over here by the Convention of the Ladies' Auxiliary; and I therefore, take pleasure in introducing to you Mrs. Hubert, a member of the Council of Administration; Mrs. Johnson of Schenectady, the Department Chief of Staff; and Mrs. Dwyer, the Department Historian. (Applause.)

Comrades, what is your further pleasure?

**A COMRADE:**

I move that we proceed with the nominations.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

If the Committee who acted as an escort before, will again act in that capacity, it will be appreciated.

(The committee then escorted the ladies off the platform and out of the Armory.)

Will Comrades Jones, Beilman and Clare kindly step to the platform?

I have a couple of communications which perhaps should be read to the Encampment. They have not been read up to the present moment because I was afraid of them. I do not think we are sufficiently interested in them, but there may be a delegate or two who would like to discuss the matter.

In order to handle this thing understandingly— if there is no objection the communications will be received and placed on file, and it is understood that that means “acknowledged.”

The Assistant Department Adjutant will read the communications.

**COMRADE STRACHAN** read a letter from the Merchants' Association of New York City, with an invitation to hold the Convention there. Signed by John R. Young.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

Before I pass that, I might state that these communications have been coming in regularly to the Camps and officials down in New York City, and they are particularly anxious for us to hold a Convention down there, but as the Comrades are not in a position to handle it, it is really of no use or interest to this Encampment, unless someone wants to discuss it. I suggest it be received and placed on file. No objection?

**COMRADE CARROLL:**

Allow me to make a suggestion. I would like to have the Assistant Adjutant give us an idea of what the other letters are.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

Comrade Carroll, there is only one other.

**COMRADE STRACHAN** reads communication about proposed Monument to Phil Sheridan.

(Then makes an announcement that the railway company has postponed the fireworks until tomorrow night. If it is clear there may be a display.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Three Comrades, candidates for Department Commander, have agreed to place their names in a hat, and that will be the way their official nominators will be recognized. I will ask the Department Chaplain to draw them out.

Chaplain Reaney does so.

Comrade Clare is the first name drawn out.

Comrade Bielman is the second name drawn out.

Comrade Jones is the third name drawn out.

Now, if there is no objection, we will proceed with the nominations of officers. The nominators, if there is no objection, will be allowed ten minutes each. That is the procedure allowed and followed by the National Encampment, and our agreement at this Encampment was that we would try and follow out their procedure as far as possible.

COMRADE SCHINN, Camp No. 43:

I object. You can say a whole lot in five minutes; and then ten minutes is a long time for a speech.

I move that five minutes be allowed for the nominators and three minutes for the seconders.

Question put and carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is Comrade Harney in the room? (Yes.)

The Chair will recognize Comrade W. F. Meyers of Camp No. 6, the Surrogate of Montgomery County.

COMRADE MEYERS:

Department Commander, Comrades of the Convention, and Ladies: As I look over this assemblage it takes me back to the first provisional encampment held in this State, and I cannot help but feel that I am somewhat of a back number, when you consider the great difference there is in the way of a gathering,

by comparing that encampment and this one. There were other men gathered there, and there was just enough offices to go around, and consequently, I got one of the offices; and it certainly was agreeable (they elected me Judge Advocate).

I was about to say that all this gathering, which is so gratifying, was all due to you Comrades; but after seeing the Sisters here, I am sure that they are entitled to considerable credit for some part of this gathering.

There are three candidates for Department Commander, and judging by the applause which the name of each brings forth, I should certainly think that they are all popular men, that they are all good workers and that every one of them would make a good Commander.

I want to speak for just a few moments about a man whom I shall place in nomination, for the office of Department Commander. This Organization needs a man who is a business man, and a man who has had experiences in building up a great business; who has been active in the Organization during all the years that he has been identified with it. A man who is able to devote sufficient time to it, to travel from one part of the State to the other, and come in contact with the Comrades of the different towns.

The man whom I shall place in nomination rose from the position of an office boy to a very important position in a large business enterprise. He has made a success of his private business enterprise. He has made a success of his private business; and since he became identified with the United Spanish War Veterans, which was some years ago, he has been one of the most active members in his own Camp, the Old Guard Camp, and in the State Department. He has been Transportation Aide for a number of years, which has thrown upon his shoulders a great deal of work arranging for the transportation of the Comrades to and from the Encampments — and you know, all of you, how well he has performed that duty.

He has also rendered to the Department Commander great assistance in placing upon the statute books many good laws where they are to-day, and were so beneficial to the Organization, and for which the Organization has worked so hard.

Particularly, I want to speak about the Poor Law; I understand it was largely and to a great extent all his work that that law was finally passed and became a part of the law which benefits this Organization; and I know that everyone of you know that that has been a good law and that it has brought good to a great many Comrades and members; that it has brought relief when they most needed it. ("one minute more.") My time is nearly up I understand. I do not think it is necessary for me to say anything more about this man. I think you all know him. I don't think I can do anything that would make you better acquainted with him; and I say what I have said largely to impress upon my friends the man that is announced for the position. As to his personal and private life, there is not a blemish on it; so, I wish you would take everything into consideration when you come to vote, and vote for the man I shall place in nomination, whose name is: John E. J. Clare. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I recognize Past Department Commander Chauncey W. Herrick of Oneonta.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HERRICK:

Comrade Department Commander and Comrades: I believe the most popular man today is the man who makes the shortest speech; therefore, I am going to take about just a moment. I want to ask your support for Comrade Clare because we have all known him a long time. As far back as we can remember in Encampments, we remember that "Clare brought up the train for us." We have known him as a worker in his Camp, and in the councils of the City in the Borough where he belongs. We know that Clare is a man that is so situated that he has a whole lot of time at his disposal. He can go out and spend almost unlimited amount of time; and we are glad to know that he is in addition to this able to make financial sacrifices for the Order. I do not wish to say a word that would be considered detrimental to any other candidate for the office of Department Commander. It is a good thing that we have three men who offer to give their services and their time to the Order. It is a nice thing for them to feel that they can give their time; and it is a good thing for us to think it



over and see which of the three can give us the best service. I think you will see that Comrade Clare can do more for us than any man whose name has been placed before you, and I therefore ask your support for the name of John E. J. Clare. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Are there any further seconders for Comrade Clare?

PAST COMMANDER WOODHULL:

Comrade Commander and Comrades: As a Past Commander of the Camp of which Comrade Clare is a member, I do not think that there is anybody any more familiar with the characteristics, integrity and sterling qualities of our candidate than your humble servant. Comrade Clare has devoted his time, his money and his health to the benefit of this Organization, not for three years, but ever since he has been associated with it. He has never come before you asking for office, and he didn't come to-day asking for office — we pushed him to it. He is not seeking office for personal aggrandisement and honors, for he is in a position where it will not do him a bit of good.

It has been stated that he has risen from office boy to general sales manager of a big company. No man can rise like that without business integrity and ability. What we need and must have during the coming administration is a man who can go to Albany or Washington without disadvantaging himself or his friends; and in Comrade Clare I believe that you have as good a candidate as a man well can be, and a man who can back up his Organization to the best extent. I am not saying this to hurt the chances of other candidates, but I am simply calling your attention to these facts that when it comes to voting time you will give the man who has given us so much in this Organization, your votes. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Commander William S. Fredenrich.

COMMANDER FREDENRICH:

Comrade Commander and Delegates: I come here this afternoon to place before you for nomination for a Departmental office a man who has been tried and proven true to this Organization. He

has been a worker since the Organization has been started, over thirteen or fourteen years. His record has been tried and it has been proven that he is a loyal worker for the Organization. At Buffalo he gave you one of the grandest receptions that was ever given to an Organization at a Convention, through his own hard working and the members of his Camp and the members of the other Camps in Buffalo.

Comrade Beilman has spent his time and his money traveling from New York to Buffalo and all the outlying Camps in this Department.

We come here this afternoon to ask in return for the recognition that such service should receive, and we want him recognized as a good and faithful fellow. He is a man that has never aspired to any political office. He is a common, everyday, go-as-you-please fellow, and works hard for his living. He is a printer and works in an office in Buffalo. He never tried to aspire for any political office. It has been proven that he has helped his Comrades time and again, and in return I ask you Comrades to help him, to repay him for the work he has done and the time he has spent.

At the Syracuse Encampment his report was distributed at the doors, a long article, and I do not believe there was twenty men at the Convention read it. He did not have the chance to read his report, he lived up to the Rules and Regulations of the Organization, which he has always done and proved himself level and fair to every man in the Organization; and I come before you this afternoon to put before you the name of Charles Beilman, a Past Department Junior Vice-Commander of this Organization for incoming Department Commander. He has in his report stated that one little Camp, that of Olean, ever since the inception of this Organization, and a Comrade of same said he had never seen an officer of the Organization. He was the only officer — when he was elected Department Junior Vice-Commander he went to Olean and all the little Camps throughout the State; and showed himself a loyal worker for all the Organization at large as well as for all the Comrades of the Organization.

Now, Comrades, I want you to stop, and think, and ponder, and study over this affair and back the best man for the Organiza-

tion for the benefit of the Organization. That is what we want. We are classed as "knockers," "kickers" and "fighters;" but what are we fighting for but for the benefit of the Organization. All we do and all we give — and we give our time; and I come here this afternoon to ask the Comrades of this great Department of New York to support Charles E. Beilman of Buffalo for Department Commander. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Past Commander P. J. Lauby of Camp No. 21.

COMRADE LAUBY:

Comrade Commander and Brother Delegates: Inasmuch as my time is limited to three minutes, and having some regard for the stenographer, who is no doubt overworked, if not underpaid, without further trimmings it gives me pleasure to second the nomination of Charles E. Beilman for Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any further seconder for Comrade Beilman? (Pause) Hearing none, I will recognize Junior Vice-Commander Joseph Hartigan of Camp No. 24, Commissioner of Weights and Measures, New York City. (Applause.)

COMRADE HARTIGAN:

Comrade Department Commander and Comrades: An Organization of this character is builded upon the personal sacrifices of the men who lead it, and those who have in the past given of their time, and of their effort, and of their money, show the result in the present standard, the present condition of the United Spanish War Veterans in New York State.

The two men nominated by previous nominators no doubt have and possess qualifications sufficient to make of this Organization and during the coming year the equal in standard, and to make as rapid progress as has been made during the past number of years.

Intimations have been made by way of remarks of the Comrade from Oneonta that the man I am about to nominate occupies a position which would not permit him to give up his time, his effort, and his money. That is best contradicted by the fact that he has during the past year occupied a position of great importance in

this Organization, and by reason of the work he did, the time he gave and the money he spent, I think it is up to him, by reason of the fact that he came up from the ranks of this Organization to his present position, that he be accorded election as Department Commander of this Organization in the State of New York. During the past year he has introduced measures which have made for business efficiency and business progress, and he has given so much of his time that he has been able to come in contract in this State, in every portion of it, not only so far as the male portion of it is concerned, but is equally as friendly with the female portion, the Ladies' Auxiliary; and they will testify to the fact that he has brought forth the same amount of fidelity in small as well as in large matters pertaining to this Organization.

In presenting the name of William Jones of David Wilson Camp No. 59, I present the name of a man who will represent the ideals, the principles, the reasons for progress of this Organization in the State of New York during the coming year; and an intimation, likewise, having been made as to politics. I say about this, at this time in our career we need a politician, we need a man to go into the State Legislature; we need a man to plan a campaign in the State Constitutional Convention. We need the kind of man that we are entitled to in the State of New York, and I will leave you this one impression: that Organizations in their careers need men who will do their best in order to advance their principles; and in William Jones there is a man who possesses all the qualifications to obtain what we ought to obtain during this coming year in the State of New York. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Comrade Germond of Camp No. 43.

COMRADE GERMOND:

Department Commander and Comrades of the Department of New York: It gives me great pleasure to stand before you this afternoon and second the nomination of Comrade William Jones for the position of Department Commander, and however any of you or all of us may vote to-morrow, the fact still remains that we will be Comrades. I only claim this: that if you vote for William Jones you will be bigger, better Comrades; because he is a

man who in the past year has accomplished wonders in this Department. I cast no slight on former Adjutants of this Department when I say that the affairs of that important office have never been better administered than they have during the past year.

Comrades, William Jones has that peculiar adaptability which leads him to mould enemies into friends and loyal supporters and it is probably that peculiarity more than any other that entitles him to your favorable consideration.

Comrade Jones is a big man. It has been urged against him that he is only young in the Department. Possibly that is true, but if he has done more in four years than a lot of us have done in eight or ten or sixteen or seventeen years, can we make any mistake in entrusting the affairs of this Department in those hands? I urge you, most strenuously, Comrades, to vote for William Jones. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Past Commander Hunt of Camp No. 3.

COMRADE BART HUNT:

Department Commander and Comrades of the great Department of New York. I wish to second the nomination of a Comrade whom I know well. He is a plain, common, simple Comrade: "Bill Jones." You all know him, you can always approach him at all times. He has been a worker in the Department, always on the job. He is thoroughly and fully qualified to do anything in this Department, not only from the smallest position, but to the highest. He has shown it already in his work in the Department. Another thing: He will not be "bossed" you will find. A number of times Comrades went to "Bill Jones" and tried to dictate to him, but they found they could not do it. He has views of his own and he carried them out conscientiously.

Another thing Comrades — I don't know that it has even been mentioned on the floors before. Comrade Jones is a man from the Navy. Now, we have a great many workers from this Department in our organization who are ex-Navy men; and I would like to see a Comrade from the Navy at the head of this Department of New York. Give us a chance to see what we can do.

Another thing: He is a man that will give the up-State Camps just the same treatment as those in the great City of New York. He will not show any partiality no matter where you are located. He has got the interest of the whole Department at heart. It will not take him three or four months to get in line so as to know how to take charge of things. Comrades, at this minute he can take charge of the Department and go right ahead. He will not want to have two or three months trial from the Comrades, or to become familiar with the duties. Comrades, I do not think you will make any mistake in voting for Bill Jones. In the State Constitutional Convention, I believe you know what he can do. He has done more in the last four years than some other Comrades have done during the last twelve. I, therefore, would like to second the nomination of Bill Jones for the position of Department Commander of this great Department of the State of New York.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It is regularly moved and seconded that the nominations be closed for the office of Department Commander.

Carried.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I have tried to present in an absolutely fair way the nominations for the position of Department Commander, but I don't know how it will work to try to do the same all through with all the other minor offices, but I will do the best I can. I only have one nominator for one candidate for Senior Vice-Commander.

The Chair recognizes Comrade Watson.

COMRADE WATSON, Camp No. 85:

Comrade Department Commander and Delegates: I rise before you to-day to place in nomination the name of a man for the second highest position it is your privilege to give. I am not unmindful of being careful in cases of officers of the Department of New York. I realize the necessity of care in the selection of men who shall fill these positions. For that reason, Comrades, I have obtained information in regard to the Comrade who is a candidate for the honor of Department Senior Vice-Commander. He was one of the organizers and charter members of his Camp, and during the following six years he has always had his shoulder

to the wheel in the United Spanish War Veterans' affairs. He is well versed in the problems that exist and need to be handled in the Department of New York. He is not afraid to take a chance in behalf of our Organization. He is willing not only to back his own Camp financially, but he is gifted with that personal charm of meekness which is a great factor in gaining and retaining friends for the United Spanish War Veterans. He has time, money and ability, and willingness to be of great aid to the new Commander.

Hudson Valley Camps have been represented and do not wish to push this forward, to head this Department of New York. They have been willing workers for the best interests of the Department. Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78 is one of the liveliest in the State, and had it not been for the ravages of fire would have invited you to the hospitality of their city in 1915.

All the Camps of Hudson Valley believe that while they may not have been blessed with Comrades who are in the possession of lots of "time, money and ability" to devote to the Organization, yet they know that they cheerfully use what time they can and in all ways try to further the many measures for our interests.

I will now take pleasure in placing in nomination for the position of Department Commander a man of the Hudson Valley, Past Commander James D. Tweed of Hudson B. Moore Camp, Newburg, New York. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Comrade Fred Diamond of Camp No. 75.

COMRADE DIAMOND:

Department Commander: It is not necessary for me to go on the platform, as this Comrade has just stated the qualifications of the candidate. So I take pleasure in seconding the nomination.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Comrade G. V. Johnson, Camp No. 11.

PAST COMMANDER JOHNSON:

Comrade Department Commander and Comrades of this Department of New York: I consider it a privilege to stand before you this afternoon to place in nomination for the position of

Department Senior Vice-Commander a man whom you know, and know well. A man who is a worker. Efficiency should be and will be the keynote of this Department, and the man whom I shall present to you is one who is efficient, who has efficiency in his make-up. As the Commander of his Camp his efficiency was evident in that he took the Camp when it was financially at its lowest ebb. There was practically not a dollar in the funds. As Commander, he placed that Camp on a firm foundation, both financially and numerically. Further than that, in his home town there were four veteran organizations. The Comrade whom I shall place before you in nomination was not only the Commander of the Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, but he was Commander of one of the other Veteran Organizations, and a Past Commander of the other two. His efficiency was such that to-day there is in his town but ONE Veteran Organization, and that one is the United Spanish War Veterans. The four have been amalgamated into one strong, efficient, working Organization.

This Encampment, this Organization, knows this Comrade. He has been a worker in our Encampment through previous years. He has been recognized by this Encampment for his efficiency. He has been recognized by our Department Inspector. He has been District Inspector for his district. As that District Inspector he has travelled between eight hundred and a thousand miles, and no Camp has ever paid his travelling expenses.

He is one who was the active man in our previous Encampments. And furthermore, his geographical location is such that he is half way between the eastern boundary of New York and the western boundary at Buffalo. He is practically half way between our extreme south-east and the north-west. We can see he is diametrically situated in the geographical centre of our great State, and as such he is in a position to do efficient work for our Organization. In the office of Department Senior Vice Commander he is well able to uphold and assist in carrying out all matters which may be advanced or brought up and desired to be put through for the best interests of the Organization. I then trust that he whom I refer to is the man that you will elect for Department Senior Vice Commander.



Comrades, I need no further description of this man, undoubtedly you have all placed him in your own mind, and you probably know that the Comrade that I refer to is Past Commander Guilfoyle of Syracuse. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Past Commander Edward F. Rolle of Camp No. 24.

COMRADE ROLLE:

Comrade Department Commander and Comrades: If I had the ability to extoll the virtues of "Pat" Guilfoyle you would stay here all day. But I am a great deal like the moon, the fuller it gets the brighter I am.

I want to tell you a few brief words about "Pat" Guilfoyle — he is a man that you can rest on. He has got it here boys (indicating), right in his heart, for the good of the Organization. So that is why I ask you to support with your vote Pat Guilfoyle. I thank you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Are there any further seconds for —

Chair recognizes Comrade McNamara of Camp No. 59.

COMRADE McNAMARA:

Comrade Commander and Delegates: It is a great pleasure and honor to nominate an old "bunkie," a man with whom we served in the far-off Philippines. Comrade Guilfoyle is a man who, since leaving the service, has taken part in the affairs of Veterans in the active town of Syracuse. He is so well thought of there in Veterans' affairs in his own city that the Mayor only a week ago turned all the relief fund of nineteen thousand dollars over to him to investigate and distribute it.

Comrades, you are not going to make any mistake in placing Patrick J. Guilfoyle in the chair of Senior Vice Department Commander, to help out with his valued experience, where he has filled the office of Commander in this part of the State, where the officers of such an executive and such a hustler is needed. Comrades, I thank you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Are there any further nominations for the position of Department Senior Vice Commander?

It is moved and seconded that the nominations be closed.

So Ordered.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will ask Comrade McCune to quickly step to the platform; also Comrade Markham and Comrade Dunn.

After the Comrades left the platform the Chair recognized Past Department Commander Cunningham.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER CUNNINGHAM:

Comrade Commander and Delegates: We are assembled here in the Annual Encampment for the purpose of placing the stewardship of this Organization for the coming year in the hands of faithful and loyal workers.

I have been asked to present for your consideration the name of a Comrade whom every Delegate in this Encampment has met personally at one or other of the Encampments since the year 1900. At no Encampment has this candidate ever been absent. A candidate who has served his Camp through the various offices. A candidate who has served the Department in the year 1907 as Department Inspector. You have given us two candidates for Commander from the city of New York. You have given us candidates for the office of Department Senior Vice Commander from the far western end of the State and the middle western section, and the lower Hudson Valley. We intend to give you a candidate for the next office, that of Department Junior Vice Commander, who is located in practically the southeastern portion of the State — one of the most active sections of the State that is within our jurisdiction; a section where we should have at all times a representative of our Department close by the city of Albany where legislation is ground out for or against us. We need some man we can place our confidence in and who can keep tab on the legislature.

Comrades, I have been through the mill. As Past Department Commander, I know what it is. I know what it is to go up against the Legislature. Unfortunately I was situated in a civil service

position. There is no Comrade in this State that has the welfare of the civil service employees who are United Spanish War Veterans, any closer to their heart than your humble servant; but in my position Comrades, I may have been in a far better position to do more than I did along this line. But the Comrade whose name I am going to present to you is not unfortunately situated as I was. This Comrade is the representative of a large business concern; he travels extensively throughout this immediate vicinity, thereby enabling him to keep in touch with all the Comrades within a radius of one hundred miles from here to the city of Albany, or so.

Comrades, I am going to present to you a Comrade of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2. We know and we love him. You Comrades know Comrade McCune in Conventions. We know him in Troy. He is a Comrade coming from the ranks, whom you Comrades have elevated to the highest gift in your province. I therefore present to you the name of our Comrade of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, George W. McCune. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Past Commander Frank Lawless of Camp No. 91.

COMRADE LAWLESS:

Comrade Commander and Comrades: I do not think there is very much left for me to say anything in Comrade McCune's behalf. The speaker who has just preceded me has gone over and covered the matter far better than I could, Comrade McCune's activity in this Organization. I might, however, draw your attention to the necessity of getting a Comrade who is situated as close to Albany as it is possible to get one. During the year a Constitutional Convention will sit and we have got to have representatives strong enough and powerful enough to represent us in that body in the best possible manner. After the year 1915 there won't be any Constitutional Convention until we have long since (some of us) passed out of existence. It will make no difference then much where a man is situated. There will be no chance to vote or having the Preference Bill or any other law which will give us what we rightfully deserve, upon the statute books of this State.

Comrade McCune has been an Alderman for four years in his home town. He has every experience along that line; and Comrades, if you elect him to the office of Department Junior Vice Commander I will pledge you in my name and the name of the Camp he bears that Comrade McCune will fulfill the duties of his office honorably, loyally, faithfully and well.

Comrades: I am done.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Are there any further seconders to Comrade McCune?

PAST COMMANDER YEMANS, Camp No. 90:

Comrade Commander and Comrades: I have come from a Camp that I do not suppose you hear very much about. We are away up in the northern part of the State. We have not had the privilege of being represented among the Departmental Officers. We have a strong Camp, a uniform, lots of money, and colors. We are recruiting all the time, but it is a detriment to our Camp not to have a visit from any of the Department Officers. I congratulate the Camp in having been installed by Past Commander Cunningham.

I want to second the nomination of Comrade McCune, because he will not only represent us but he will take an interest in the affairs of our Camp. I take pleasure in seconding Comrade McCune's nomination.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I see the Delegates are thinning out and want to announce the polls will be open from eleven till twelve o'clock to-morrow. It will be necessary for you to go to the Committee and secure a duplicate if you have lost your stub.

The Chair recognizes Comrade William C. Walde of Camp No. 10.

COMRADE WALDE:

I wish to place in nomination Oscar Burger for Department Junior Vice-Commander, a "Live Wire" who is endorsed by Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10. He needs no further introduction. I thank you.

COMMANDER WILLIAM S. FREDENRICH, Camp No. 28:

I second the nomination.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

Are there any further seconders for Comrade Berger? The Chair recognizes Department Surgeon Frank W. Ross.

**COMRADE ROSS:**

Department Commander and Comrade: I wish to place in nomination for the office of Department Junior Vice-Commander a man that fulfills all the requirements that have been asked for, in addition to those other candidates that have been so ably presented. This man is a worker, a constant worker. He has been a member of the Order for eleven years. He has occupied an important position for six years in his home city. He has the support of the people. He is the friend of all the Comrades. He is working night and day. He is in a position to fill the office and fill it faithfully and well, and I take pleasure in placing in nomination Comrade Thomas A. Markham for the office of Department Junior Vice-Commander.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

The Chair recognizes Comrade Reynolds of Camp No. 9.

**COMRADE REYNOLDS:**

Our time is somewhat limited, and you are all well aware of what our worthy Comrade has done for building up the Order. It is not necessary for me to go into details, so I simply say that I take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Comrade Markham for Department Junior Vice-Commander.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

Are there any further seconders for Comrade Markham?

The Chair recognizes Comrade James Carroll of Camp No. 73.

**COMRADE CARROLL:**

Comrade Commander and Comrades: I desire to make a nomination for the office of Department Junior Vice-Commander, and I trust that each and everyone of the Comrades here will apply to me the "Herrick conduct" as laid down by Comrade Herrick, viz: "that the most popular man is the man who makes the shortest speech." I do not wish to make any speech that is known as the regular nominating speech, for those of us who have attended past Conventions or past Encampments, recognize that kind that is full

of oratory, useless gesticulations and shrugging of shoulders, and walkings to and from, and all such devices as that which may lead the uninitiated and the unsophisticated to believe that the man they are nominating is but one degree removed from the angles. But I will preface my remarks by a few words relating to the Comrade whose name I will mention. He is one who has served in the United States Navy for thirty years. Gave up thirty years of his valuable time for this Republic. For the last several years he has been in our Organization. He has worked arduously with advancing interest and he has ever been at the beck and call of every Comrade in his own Camp and of all the Camps nearby where his Camp is located. This Comrade is one who is able to and capable of filling the high office of Department Junior Vice-Commander. He is so situated that he can give of his time to the up-building of the Organization. He is all that makes up a noble and good hearted, good fellow — and what is more, a good worker. I firmly believe that if you elect this man I will nominate as Department Junior Vice-Commander of this great Department of New York, you will make no mistake, and by his work he will amply repay you for the confidence reposed in him by you; therefore, I take the greatest pleasure in placing in nomination the name of our Comrade and Shipmate John L. Dunn of Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73 of Brooklyn.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Do I hear that nomination seconded?

A COMRADE from Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73:

I had the pleasure of being a Quartermaster under our Past Commander. This Comrade who has been thirty years in the service of the United States, has thirty more years to serve you yet, and if you elect John L. Dunn to the position of Department Junior Vice Commander this great Department of New York will have as good a Department Junior Vice-Commander as it has ever had.

A COMRADE:

Comrade Commander: If you get a man in this office like John L. Dunn, thirty years in the United States Navy, whether he is an alderman or not, or an ex-alderman, if he cannot get influence

he knows where he can get it; and I guarantee gentlemen, from Wagner to Caruthers, he will get all the influence in Albany.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Are there any further nominations for Department Junior Vice-Commander.

It is moved and seconded that nominations be closed for said office. Agreed to.

The Chair recognizes Department Adjutant Jones.

ADJUTANT JONES:

Commander and Comrades: There are times in a man's life when he is called upon to perform a duty which he considers to be a most pleasant duty.

The duties of Chaplain of this Department do not require me to go into details and tell you what a wonderful Chaplain, or what a wonderful man in the community in which he resides, a man running for the office of Chaplain of this Department should be; but the man I am about to place in nomination for the office of Department Chaplain is a man that to know him is to love him. Perhaps I am in a better position than a good many of you to testify to his good qualities. You have heard it mentioned here this afternoon that I am a sailor. The man that I am about to nominate is not only a sailor, but he is a man and a Comrade that every one of us that has any red blood in our body loves, and I take pleasure in placing before you the name of our beloved Chaplain, the Reverend William H. I. Reaney. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Past Commander Clare of Camp No. 19.

COMRADE CLARE:

Department Commander, Comrades and Shipmates: It is not necessary for me to tell you whose nomination that I am going to second. The man whose nomination I am going to second is bigger than the Department of New York, or any other aggregation of the Department in our entire Order. He is known from the Atlantic ocean to the Pacific ocean, from the Canadian line to our friends down at Vera Cruz, from whence he has just returned, and knows what we have got to do. I want to tell you

that it is mere idle words for me to take up your time trying to tell you about our candidate for he is known to United Spanish War Veterans, all Veterans, all men who served in the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps in 1898. He has given the best years of his life to serving the Camp and the other fellow who is willing to follow the colors. I am pleased to stand before you and second the nomination of Comrade William H. I. Reaney of the U. S. S. "Utah."

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Past Department Junior Vice-Commander Charles Beilman of Camp No. 15.

COMRADE BEILMAN:

Department Commander and Comrades: It gives me great pleasure at this particular time, to arise and second the nomination in conjunction with my two distinguished "opponents," the nomination of Comrade William H. I. Reaney for Department Chaplain. I have known Father Reaney for perhaps twelve years, and I say to know him is to love him. I hope that the Comrades of this Department will return him as our Chaplain, unanimously.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It is moved and seconded that the nominations be closed.

Question called for.

Carried unanimously.

If there is no objection on the part of the prospective nominees for Department Inspector, I will recognize their nominators according to their Camp numbers, as I have with the preceding officers.

The Chair recognizes Comrade Joseph W. Heaney of Camp No. 53.

COMRADE HEANEY:

Department Commander and Comrades: I take great pleasure in nominating a man whom I believe will fill this arduous position of Department Inspector as well as his predecessor. He is a man who is in a business that will enable him to do this if it requires it. The business I speak of is the railroad business. We want



a man as Department Inspector who is as good as his predecessor. We don't want to go backwards. We want to go forward. We want a man who will make a better report next time. We want a man who is a bookkeeper. I believe he has attended nearly every one of the Encampments since he has been in the Order. I am sure you can make no mistake in electing William E. Snyder of Camp No. 53. I trust you will give him your hearty support.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR JOEL :

Comrade Commander and Comrades: No man appreciates the position of Department Inspector but those who have held that office. And in selecting a man for that position you want to select the best that you can get. And in selecting him you are selecting a man who has occupied the position of District Inspector. Comrade Snyder has acted in that capacity. To look at him you would not think that he could cover the ground — he is younger, smarter and active — not old and bald-headed as I am. If the report of my inspection that was made to you yesterday has met with your approval, I am pretty sure that the inspection report of Comrade Snyder will far exceed mine. There is one thing that I want to state: that if you elect Comrade Snyder you will thereby elect two Department Inspectors, for this reason, that I intend to give him all the information in my power, to help him all that I can possibly do to go on, beginning where I left off, and go right ahead. In giving him that nomination and that office I am sure that you are giving it to a man able and capable of filling it well. I thank you.

COMRADE WOODHULL :

I second that. Comrade Snyder has the happy faculty of standing in with the railroads so as to travel on the cars to the best advantage. Those of you who know the duties of the officers who fill the position of Department Inspector in the Department of New York can readily appreciate the vast importance of the work of the Department Inspector. I think the Adjutant, Quartermaster and Inspector are in the same rank. We could not do better I think, Comrades of this Encampment, than to get a man who travels without a cent of expense to himself, for the position of Department Inspector. I second the nomination of Comrade Snyder.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

The Chair recognizes Comrade Regney of Camp No. 4.

**COMRADE REGNEY:**

Department Commander and Comrades: I want to be one of the "popular speakers," so I am going to be short. The office of Department Inspector is one of great importance, and as our Organization grows and proceeds along the line towards the ideal of perfection, it becomes more important. It is necessary to have and to vote for men to fill that position a man who has been trained in detail — a man who is familiar with small things, a man who can put them together to make the whole. It is very necessary also to have this man in the centre of the Organization so far as numbers are concerned. The man that I have in mind for this position resides in Brooklyn. Brooklyn has about one-fourth of the total number of Camps in this great Department. It has been said that the man who is now in nomination will have the opportunity of travelling around the State of New York without any expense to himself. The man that I am about to nominate will have the necessity of travelling about the State of New York, but he will do so willingly at his own expense. The candidate that I am about to place in nomination holds a very responsible position in the United States Navy. This position only occupies him in the daytime. He has his evenings to devote to the Organization. He has been an able and willing and hard worker for many years in the Organization, and if he is elected to this high and important office in the Department Administration I feel sure that every Camp will get a square deal, and that when the next annual report is made that there will be no fault found by any one; therefore, it gives me great pleasure to place in nomination for Department Inspector Comrade William S. Goodwin of William McKinney Camp No. 62.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

The Chair recognizes Department Patriotic Instructor Fitzgerald.

**COMRADE FITZGERALD:**

Department Commander and Comrades: I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Commander Goodwin for the following

reasons: First, I have known him for fifteen years. I have known him to be an active, earnest and energetic worker in our Organization. He was first at the inception of our Organization a member of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4. When he thought that he could assist the propaganda of our Organization throughout the city he left that Camp and went into William McKinley Camp No. 62, and from that fact that he is now Commander of that Camp bears testimony to his activity in the Organization. You have already learned at this Encampment that it stands "A no 1." Commander Goodwin has been in the service for a number of years in the Regular Army and is peculiarly adapted for the position of Department Inspector as an administrator, and a man who can give advice when necessary, not giving advice in an officious way but giving it in a quiet way. He is a peculiarly earnest and patriotic man, and I thought, and now think, that the first qualifications for a candidate for this position should be the ability to fill the position to get interest and earnestness of purpose; I therefore take great pleasure, Comrades, in submitting to you the name of Comrade Goodwin of William McKinley Camp No. 62, and ask for him your support, feeling sure that he has the ability to assist the work of the Administration in the same efficient manner that has characterized all his efforts in the past.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

Are there any further seconders for Comrade Goodwin? Hearing none I will ask that nominations be closed.

Motion put and carried.

The Chair recognizes Past Commander Bart Hunt.

**COMRADE BART HUNT:**

I like the procedure at this time, because the candidate I am about to nominate is *centrally located* in this State, and I, being *centrally located* here in this spot, and my voice being weak, I venture to state in the *centre of the crowd* that I am delighted to have the opportunity of placing before the Delegates for consideration the name of a Comrade who has done magnificent work in the United Spanish War Veterans' Civil Service Association. He is a Delegate to all the Encampments in New York — in fact if he were to miss one Encampment the Delegates would miss him

immediately. They would be alive to the fact that there was something missing in the Encampment if they did not see the man I have in mind, to solicit their vote for the candidate or to present some resolution, or something of that kind; so that he would be an elegant man for the position for which I am about to nominate him. This Comrade is known to every Delegate present, and it gives me very great pleasure without making any further remarks to place the name of Bernard J. Pierce for Department Marshal.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Comrade James Clark.

COMRADE CLARK:

I second the nomination of Comrade Bernard J. Pierce for Department Marshal.

COMRADE SPOLDERS:

Where does Comrade Pierce come from? What Camp does he belong to?

COMRADE BART HUNT:

He has been exceptionally active in the Order. He is a member of Camp No. 1. I find his activity in New York has been such that every Comrade, practically, in the city knows him. *I am surprised that Comrade Spolders does not know him! I am sorry that Comrade Spolders shows his lack of knowledge of this man!*

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Past Department Commander Wall.

COMRADE WALL:

Department Commander and Comrades: It seems that it is up to me every year to get "in bad" with my Camp, but I will have to do it because I had taken it upon myself before I knew of the Comrade from my Camp being a candidate.

Sixteen years ago one of our foremost citizens, Theodore Roosevelt, organized The Rough Riders. I have been instrumental in endeavoring to organize the Rough Riders into a Camp in New York city. I have seen many of them, but I have been unable to get them together. They are very clannish. They have a little

organization of their own, but they refuse to come into ours, there are a few nevertheless, who think enough of our Organization to become a member and carry our banner. I believe it most fitting to give some recognition to a Comrade who has shown the courage of his convictions by standing with us shoulder to shoulder. It gives me great pleasure, therefore, to extend to the Comrade from the western part of New York State, that great section from which a great many commanders, not only in this State, but for the United States, have come; and it, therefore, gives me very great pleasure to present a policeman for this office, Comrade Tony Gavin of Buffalo.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Past Commander Charles E. Holler of Camp No. 12.

COMRADE HOLLER:

Department Commander and Comrades: I appreciate the opportunity given me to fulfill the mission assigned to me by my Comrades, the Delegates from the second largest Camp in this State, to second the nomination of one of our Comrades, and one of the most early members — a charter member of Liscum Camp, later consolidated with Seyburn Camp and now known as the Seyburn-Liscum Camp. The Comrade I shall mention is known to every man, boy and woman in the city of Buffalo. He is one of our Buffalo Comrades. He is an earnest fighter and a good policeman; and he is loved by all our members, and I know that I am expressing the sentiments of all our members, when I second the nomination of Anthony J. Gavin — I believe he has all the qualifications that fit him for this position.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Past Commander Sterrit Keefe of Camp No. 78.

COMRADE KEEFE:

Comrade Department Commander and Comrades: I want to place in nomination for the office of Department Marshal, a candidate, the name of a man who has served five years, and a Comrade who has proven his loyalty to the Order and worked hard and

earnestly to promote the interests of that Organization. He has given his time by night and by day during the last five years. He has been in office for five years in his Camp. I wish to present to the consideration of the Delegates to this Encampment the name of William J. Kennedy of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46 for the office of Department Marshal.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Comrade Harris of Camp No. 46.

COMRADE HARRIS:

Comrade Department Commander and Comrades: In seconding the nomination of Comrade William J. Kennedy of Camp No. 46, I second the nomination because I know that Comrade Kennedy has been a worker — laid himself down on a sick-bed for the interests of the Camp of which he is a member. Though afflicted he has not missed the Encampments of this Department — showing that his interests were in this Department. In Comrade Kennedy we have really a “live wire” in the Camp of which he is a member. He works, and works hard; no matter what the orders are to do. As to his qualifications, he is well able to fill the position of Department Marshal and as Past Commander of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp, and in the name of the total membership of that Camp, I have the honor to second the nomination of Comrade William J. Kennedy for the office of Department Marshal.

COMRADE BLOUNT:

I present the name for the position of Department Marshal, of Comrade E. Moeller of Camp No. 27, Yonkers.

COMRADE GOODWIN:

I second the nomination.  
Nominations closed.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Comrade Flannagan of Camp No. 37.

COMRADE FLANNAGAN:

Department Commander and Comrades: It gives me great pleasure this afternoon to bring before you the name of a Com-

rade of Camp No. 37 of New Rochelle, a Camp made famous by that famous song "Forty-five Minutes from Broadway." This man has business ability to devote to the office and I assure you it gives me great pleasure to place in nomination the name of Comrade Vernon Bovie for Department Judge Advocate.

(The Chair recognizes Comrade George J. Sawyer, but Comrade Sawyer yields the floor to Comrade Joel.)

COMRADE JOEL:

I take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Comrade Bovie for the office of Judge Advocate. I second the nomination of a Comrade who does not know what it is to stop working. The only time that he is happy is when he is working. Small exterior, but a large head — full of law. He is an ex-Assemblyman from the city of New Rochelle, well known to every man, woman and child there: loved by all parties. He is a man young in this Order, but since he became a member of the New Rochelle Camp he has attended every meeting. He is here today at this Convention. He did not come here seeking any office, but he is offered because he is one of the best men in Westchester county. That county only a few years ago gave you one of the best Department Historians you had in Comrade Bailey. If my work as Department Inspector was good (and you said yesterday it was one of the best), I want to assure you there is another good man in Westchester county for Judge Advocate, Comrade Bovie.

Nominations closed.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes the Department Adjutant.

COMRADE JONES, Department Adjutant:

I move that the rest of the nominating speeches be limited to one minute, and the seconding speeches to one minute.

Agreed to.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Comrade Finklestone, M. D., of Camp No. 23.

COMRADE FINKLESTONE:

Commander and Comrades: I am much obliged to you for cutting me down to one minute. I think I can say it in less than

one minute. The position of Department Surgeon has always been looked upon as a position of no work, but this year the Comrade has cut out some work for the Department Surgeon to do. He has started at this work, as he told you yesterday, and I think it would be only right for him to continue along those lines. I came here intending to allow myself to be nominated for this office, but I will take great pleasure in presenting the name of Dr. Frank Ross for re-election.

A COMRADE:

I have known Dr. Ross for years, and I know that if he accepts this nomination that it will be at a sacrifice of a large practice which he has in his home town, and as those are the kind of men we need in this Organization I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination.

Nominations closed.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We have four Delegates-at-Large and four Alternates to the National Encampment to nominate.

(I announce that the Credential Committee will meet in Room 53 at the Edison Hotel tomorrow morning.)

The Chair recognizes Commander Garrahy of Camp No. 98.

COMRADE PATRICK GARRAHY:

Commander, Comrades and Delegates: As Commander of the "Booby" Camp in the Department, I was pleasantly surprised at being selected to place in nomination a man to represent the Department of New York at Louisville, as a Delegate-at-Large from this Department. I want to state that I am perfectly acquainted and thoroughly know the man whom I will place in nomination to represent this great Department of New York in a fitting manner, and I know that he will faithfully and well perform the duties and reflect nothing but credit upon the Comrades of the Department of New York. The man whom I will place in nomination for this position has an office in the National Guard of the State of New York with a long and honorable career. I take pleasure in placing in nomination the name of Colonel Charles O. Davis, of Brooklyn.

Seconded.



**COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:**

I rise to state that it would be wise for Comrades to make their nominations only after they have obtained the consent of their nominees for Delegates-at-Large to the National Encampment, or as Alternates, and get their promise that if they are elected they will attend the National Encampment. We have in the past acted and elected Comrades simply for the purpose of giving them the honorary title of Delegate-at-Large or Alternate Delegate-at-Large to the National Encampment, and when the National Encampment comes they fail to attend. So, Comrade Commander, I ask that the Comrades who are nominating first ascertain that the nominee will attend.

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

The Delegates have heard the suggestion of Comrade Cunningham.

**COMRADE REGNEY:**

It affords me great pleasure to second the nomination of Colonel Davis, and the election of this man will mean much to us in this Department. He is a man of prominence in the community.

**COMRADE GARRAHY:**

Colonel Davis has consented to go to Louisville.

**COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:**

That is the point I was trying to get at; not to nominate Comrades who can't or won't go.

**COMRADE REGNEY:**

I want to insert in the record and answer that statement by saying that the nominee that I had the pleasure of nominating, or seconding, will go if elected.

**COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:**

I nominate one of the best workers that ever existed in the Department of New York — Comrade John S. Strachan, of Schenectady.

Seconded.

**COMRADE DR. ROSS:**

I nominate Comrade Driscoll of Camp No. 40.

Seconded.

**A COMRADE:**

Nominates Comrade Regney of Camp No. 4 for Delegate-at-Large.

Seconded.

**COMRADE BLOUNT:**

I nominate Comrade Silas Fields of Camp 95 for Alternate-at-Large.

Seconded by Comrade Fitzgerald.

**COMRADE WOODHULL:**

I nominate Comrade Arthur Fairlamb for Alternate-at-Large.

Seconded.

**A COMRADE from Camp No. 33:**

I nominate Comrade William M. Smaltz.

Seconded.

**COMRADE SPOLDERS:**

I take pleasure in nominating Past Adjutant General Ernest W. Larkin for Alternate-at-Large.

Seconded.

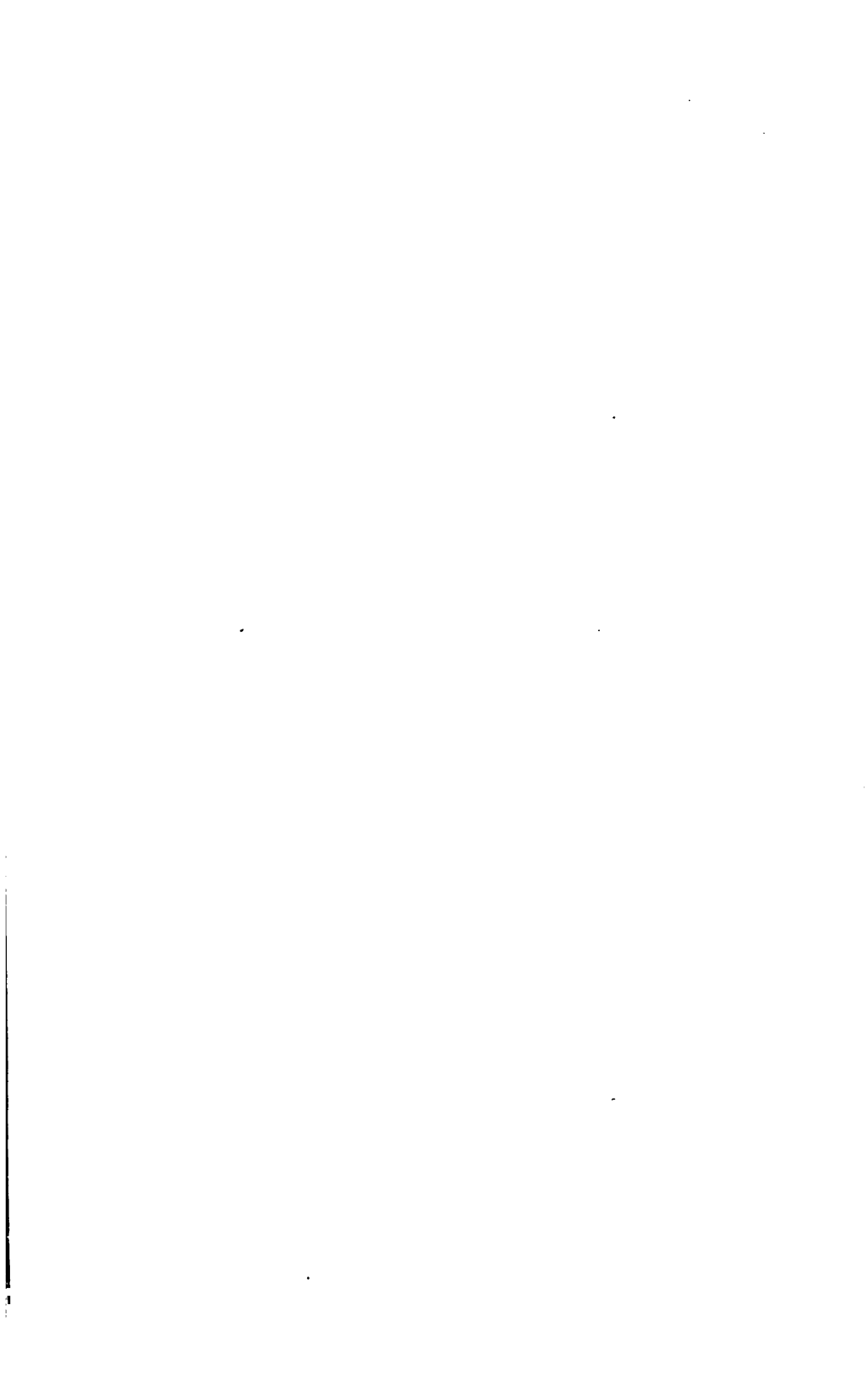
Nominations closed.

**A COMRADE:**

I move we adjourn.

This was duly seconded, put and carried.

At 7:55 P. M. the Encampment adjourned, to reassemble tomorrow morning, July 8, 1914.



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**THIRD DAY — CONTINUOUS SESSION**

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**Wednesday, July 8, 1914**





Department Chief of Staff ALFRED J. KENNEDY





## THIRD DAY

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Continuous Session — Wednesday, July 8, 1914

The Encampment was called to order at ten forty-five by the Department Commander.

Announcement by the Department Commander:

The Resolution Committee is now in session right opposite the officers' room, across the hall. If anybody has any resolution to present he can go right there and present it, without bringing it to the Encampment.

If there is any member of the Advisory Committee present, they can meet the Department Surgeon over in the left-hand corner of the Armory.

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If there is no objection the Chair will now appoint a committee or tellers for this election. The Chair is endeavoring to arrange for the election while the Encampment is still in session.

Past Commander Harney of Camp No. 1.

Commander Lavery of Camp No. 24.

Commander Fredenrich of Camp No. 28.

These three Comrades will act as tellers when we proceed to open the polls. Polls will open at eleven o'clock and close at twelve o'clock.

In accordance with the procedure that we have been endeavoring to use here, I will appoint a returning board, which will consist of:

Commander Tyner of Camp No. 2.

Commander Lathrop of Camp No. 3.

Commander White of Camp No. 4.

Commander Alexander of Camp No. 11.

Commander Rider of Camp No. 26.

Commander Torbet will please act in place of one of the above who is on another Committee; Comrade White is unable to serve, so you will please take his place.



COMRADE ALEXANDER:

As secretary of the local Committee which arranged this Convention, I might say that there has been some criticism on account of the fact that there has not been a sufficient number of badges. We were told that there would be four hundred required and that is the number that we secured. There are more persons here seeking them than that number and that accounts for the shortage. We express our regret for this, but there were certainly four hundred badges obtained.

Another announcement is that we have the privilege of the Country Club in this city for any man who has the time or inclination to play golf.

During the day almost every fraternal house in this city will be open and any man who may belong to any of them is given a cordial welcome to pay a visit. The committee of these respective houses will be very glad to see anybody who cares to call.

Wednesday (to-day) is the day set apart for visitors to look over the General Electric Company's plant, any time between nine and three o'clock. Any street car will take you to the works. You will find guides there to take you through the works.

Also the American Locomotive works, you can go through any time you see fit.

COMRADE KING, Camp No. 19:

How many Delegates have been registered to receive badges?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

What is your idea of that?

(A voice: That would go in the Credential Committee's report.)

COMRADE KING:

Well, there has been only three hundred and seventy-five Delegates; and the Comrade has just said that there are four hundred badges.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrade Alexander does not have that information, Comrade King.

There is nothing for the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to do at the present time, but as it has not been appointed yet, I will appoint the following Comrades on that Committee:

Comrade Strachan of Camp No. 11, Chairman.

Comrade O'Mara of Camp No. 26.

Comrade Shinn of Camp No. 43.

COMRADE BAIRD (Who had made a previous attempt to speak):

Point of information for the Convention: A Snake Badge is in the possession of the police department of this city at the present time, and if anybody will make application and establish his identity and proof of ownership he will get it. I was asked by a policeman to make this announcement. I was trying to inform this Convention properly, but I have been called down, so after that I am going to sit down now.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, I have announced several times that those Comrades who lose their cards can arrange to get a duplicate from the Credential Committee. They are in session on the other side of the room. All Delegates not yet registered still have an opportunity.

Now Comrades, is there any objection to the following procedure in the distribution of the ballots? That the Delegates of the Camps shall go up one at a time to the tellers and secure their ballots in rotation. Camps go according to their numerical order; and at the end then we can go right ahead with our business. The object of the Chair is that only those men shall get ballots who are entitled to vote.

A COMRADE from Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73:

What system are you going to use in marking the ballot?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The full instructions will be found on the ballot.

I will ask the returning board of five members that they do not retire from the Encampment, in order that they may be present when the tellers present their report.

The Assistant Department Adjutant will present some communications. (Reads:)

STATE OF NEW YORK, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

ALBANY, *June 26, 1914.*

Commander GEORGE L. ALEXANDER, 7 *Wanmer street, Schenectady, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR.—In reply to yours of the 24th instant, I beg to state that the Governor is out of town at present. Upon his return I will take up with him, the matter of the acceptance of your invitation to attend the Convention of the Spanish War Veterans to be held July 6th to 8th, and will give you an early reply.

Very sincerely yours,  
REYNOLDS KING TOWNSEND,  
Captain 10th Infantry,  
Military Secretary.

COMRADE FLOREA:

I want to make a motion that no man leaves this room without the permission of the Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Wait till we get through with the communications.

A COMRADE:

I want to announce a withdrawal.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Let us get the communications off. I will announce the withdrawals before you distribute the ballots.

COMRADE STRACHAN:

(Resumes Reading):

(Telegram, Night Letter) HARTFORD, CONN., *July 7, 1914.*

COMRADE RALPH H. PARKER, Com'r Dept. N. Y., U. S. W. V.,  
Hotel Edison, Schenectady, N. Y.:

Greatly regret my inability to visit your encampment this year. Please give a great big hearty handclasp with my very best love to Ward, Simmons, Cunningham, Herrick, Wall, Larkin and to each and every one of my Comrades and Shipmates present. I wish you all a most successful encampment.

CHARLES W. NEWTON.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

That telegram is from Comrade Newton, if there is no objection, it will be received and placed on file.

Comrade Strachen reads a letter from "The American Standard," of Washington, D. C., signed by J. Walter Mitchel.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

What is the pleasure of the Encampment in regard to that letter from the American Standard?

COMRADE MCCOY:

I move that it be received and that we express our thanks for the courtesy of this paper. It has been very active in the cause of legislation favorable to our organization. It should be encouraged, and I think it should be given something else besides giving them formal acknowledgment of their letter. We should acknowledge with thanks their courtesies and efforts and express to them the hope that we shall always have them with us.

Seconded. So ordered.

COMRADE WOODHULL:

I made objection to placing that telegram on file—what do you mean? You don't give a man time! What is going on here? Are you a steam roller?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any objection to placing that telegram on file?

A COMRADE:

Is this the Department Encampment, or a meeting of Abraham Lincoln Camp?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will not answer that question.

(Chair announces that the polls were to have been opened at eleven o'clock—it is now eleven fifteen. We are fifteen minutes late. The polls will be open for one hour. If this is not sufficient time it may be easily covered by vote of the Encampment.)

COMRADE FLOREA:

I again make a motion that no man shall leave this room without the permission of the Department Commander; and that the

Department Marshal shall stop him unless he gets permission from the Department Commander.

COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS has the floor. He yields it to Comrade Past Adjutant General Ernest W. Larkin.

COMRADE LARKIN:

I move you, Department Commander, that the telegram received from Past Commander-in-Chief Newton be received by acknowledging it and conveying to him the greetings of this Encampment.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Just a moment till I see if that motion is in order. The Chair assumes that it intended to turn the communications over to the Committee that is acknowledging special communications and other communications.

This is agreed to.

COMRADE MAURICE SIMMONS:

Commander and Comrades: Before making my motion in a sentence or two, I want to say that Commander-in-Chief Smith stated that the Key Bill for Widows and Orphans is in a precarious condition. It passed the House and it has been reported favorably out of the Senate, but the same old amendment of last year has been tacked on. (Interruption while Department Commander turns Chair over to the Department Senior Vice Commander.) I am afraid that Congress will adjourn in a few weeks. Senator Hughes of New Jersey who is a Spanish War Veteran, is a member of the Pension Committee, and is very close to the President. It is assumed that when he makes a statement, although he does not say that he speaks for the President, yet knowing his closeness to the President and his membership on the Pension Committee we assume that what he says is the President's voice. He states that the action on the bill up to date with this amendment will be upheld, and that when it comes to a vote it will be with this old Grand Army amendment on it. The Commander-in-Chief said that it is a matter of vital importance, and he meant to state it to the Encampment, to ask that we formulate a brief resolution or a telegram expressing our

resolution that we in the Encampment duly assembled, desire the New York delegation, and not only Senator Root and Senator O'Gorman, but also to Senator Hughes of New Jersey, asking for the immediate passage of this bill and to report the bill out at all hazards, with or without the amendment; I therefore move you that a telegram of the kind described be sent to Senator Root and Senator O'Gorman and Senator Hughes of New Jersey.

COMRADE KING of Camp No. 19:

I second the motion.

COMRADE SIMMONS:

And the matter of the framing of the telegram be left to the Committee on Special Greetings.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER (in the Chair) puts the motion.

COMRADE ALEXANDER:

I understood you to state that the amendment has been tacked to it, affecting the Grand Army of the Republic, and as such the President would not sign it. What would be the value of it if the President will not sign it? I think it would be better to have this amendment stricken out if it is possible to do so.

COMRADE SIMMONS:

I would suggest that the Key Bill as passed by the House be passed out of the Senate Committee and passed by the Senate in that form.

All those in favor of the amendment signify by the usual sign.  
Carried.

COMRADE MCCOY:

The amendment carries the original motion.

I recognize that the present Department Commander is absent from the room. I believe it is customary for all of us to pay some tribute to the loyalty for his services to the Department during the past year. As one who has known him intimately, who has sat beside and helped him in his administration, I want to say that no man in this Organization can repay Ralph H. Parker for the amount of energy and effort he has given to this Organization in behalf of the Comrades; and I move you, sir, that a Committee of three be appointed, to consist of the Past Com-

mander-in-Chief and the Past Department Commander and one other Comrade, to give suitable testimonial to the best fellow in the Department of New York. (Applause.)

COMRADE DR. ROSS:

I second the motion.

COMRADE MCCOY:

I would suggest that the Committee be composed of three, Past Commander-in-Chief and two others.

COMRADE WALL:

I believe there ought to be an amendment to that. Is it going to be from the treasury, or is it to be a voluntary subscription? If you will explain that I believe it will be entirely in order. That has been the rule, I believe.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER: Puts the motion, which is carried.

COMRADE WALL:

A point of privilege: I want to state that I sat over there (indicating), for the purpose of making a motion which was made by the Comrade before me.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

If there is no objection we will proceed to distribute the ballots.

COMRADE MCCOY:

I would suggest that the Camps be called out and they arise and go over to the tellers' table and there procure their ballots, and in that way I think it would expedite the ballots. It would be an orderly procedure, and not have every one rushing over there pell mell.

COMRADE SHINN, Camp No. 43:

I make a motion in order to save the time of the Chair, that a man be appointed to call out the Camps and that they go over in rotation and get their ballots.

If the Comrades will keep quiet we will get along better. It is all right to have a little bit of fun, but this man here ought to be kept quiet, or put out.

COMRADE BAIRD, Camp No. 66:

I make a motion that a committee of three be appointed to put me out.

CHAIR: (S. V. C.)

I will put you out myself, if necessary.

(Comrade Pierce of Manhattan No. 1 withdraws from the running for Department Marshal.)

Comrade Herrick makes a suggestion as to the methods he deems wise to follow in regard to the balloting.

Comrade McCoy explains how to make out the ballots, and that "if you spoil one you can go and get another one."

COMRADE WOODHULL:

I move you, sir, that the Chair appoint five Assistant Marshals to maintain order so that something can be heard on this floor.

COMRADE COWLES, Camp No. 12:

I second the motion.

COMRADE GILBERT, Department Marshal:

Speaking upon the motion that we can get a chance to hear the Delegates. I think that if we are not Comrades enough to maintain discipline among ourselves without putting extra labor upon these other Comrades, we should not be allowed to come to the next Encampment.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

You have heard the motion to appoint five Assistant Marshals?

COMRADE WOODHULL:

Owing to the speech of the Department Marshal, I withdraw the motion. I think it is only fair to him that we appreciate what he is trying to do now.

(DEPARTMENT COMMANDER returns to the Chair).

Now, is there any objection to the Chair announcing the number of the Camp? (No, sir.) The Chair, and the Delegates, and the Tellers all talking at the same time will accomplish nothing.

Attendance certificates for Civil Service employees will be issued by the Department Adjutant as soon as practicable after the close of the polls.

(Disorder.) The Chair will not do anything unless you assist him. Clear the floor. You are only delaying the Encampment by making a lot of noise.

Now, Comrades: It is a question in my mind whether the procedure we are going under in this balloting matter is the best,



either from the point of view of saving time or of accomplishing business? I would suggest that we take a recess and then let the Camps go right to their seats after they have done their balloting and we can do it in very short order.

COMRADE MCCOY:

I want to move that we declare a recess of sufficient time to go up and get the ballots, and then preserve order until we complete this business with attention to every little detail of everything that we transact, and I move you, sir, that the motion be adopted.

Duly seconded.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Does that mean that there is to be a complete recess?

COMRADE MCCOY:

No. The Camps will be called out in the consecutive order of their Camp, in order to get their ballot, and go back to their seats. All the rest keep their seats.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

In the meantime those Comrades who are not occupied can study the ballots. The motion is put and Carried.

Recess as per motion.

(11:55 A. M. Recess ends.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Has every Comrade entitled to vote, got an official ballot? The Encampment will kindly come to order. Judge Advocate is invited to the platform.

The Chair now announces at 11:58 the opening of the polls. The following Comrades will report to the tellers as watchers: Comrade Kyle, Camp No. 28; Comrade Murtha of Camp 59; and Comrade Dawkins of Camp No. 91.

(Lull in the proceedings.)

A Comrade makes an announcement that he has found a gold ring. "I am leaving for New York to-night. I belong to New York City Camp No. 23."

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER reads the following communication:

PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

July 1, 1914.

HON. RALPH PARKER, *Department Commander,*

United Spanish War Veterans, Schenectady, N. Y.:

MY DEAR SIR.— I take the liberty to address you, also to thank you on behalf of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of Greater New York, for the able manner in which you, and your Organization assisted us at the last session of the Legislature, in bringing about the defeat of the "So-called Goethals Bills."

At any time in the future, if an occasion arise whereby our Association can be of any assistance to you or your Association on a similar matter, we beg to state that we are at your service.

In conclusion I wish to state that owing to the vast amount of Association matters that has taken up the time of the President and the Corresponding Secretary, a reply to your communication has been delayed, which we hope you will pardon.

Wishing you all an enjoyable time at your Convention and success in all your undertakings, I remain,

Most respectfully,

JOSEPH P. MORAN,

*President, P. B. A.*

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PETER J. PFEIFFER,

*Recording Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Comrade Bart Hunt.

COMRADE HUNT:

It seems to me, Commander, that we can proceed with the business of the Encampment whilst the vote is being counted, and for the purpose of finding out if the Comrades present wish to continue business before adjournment for lunch, I make the following motion: That the Resolution Committee proceed with their report.

Seconded.

COMRADE HERRICK:

On the question. It seems to me, Comrades, we have too much business to close up here in a short time. We will be here most of the afternoon. It seems to me better to adjourn now and come back at two-thirty to do business.

COMRADE WOODHULL:

I believe that nothing, Comrade Commander, so important as the matter handled by the Resolutions Committee should be voted upon here by a handful of men, but by the entire delegation being present. That entire delegation is not present at the present time with its full quota. I move you that we defer the reading of the resolutions until we have more men.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Your motion is out of order

COMRADE WOODHULL:

I move as an amendment that we defer the reading of the resolutions until two-fifteen, when there are more men present.

COMRADE FINKLESTONE:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Past Commander Lawless.

COMRADE LAWLESS:

Your humble servant, Commander and Camrades, is of the opinion that to adjourn while the session has any resolutions to come before this Encampment would be to do something unwise. You have a sample of what the delegation is doing at the present time. They are dwindling away one by one. They are leaving for home. As the hour grows later your delegation will grow smaller. The men that you have here now will be I think twice the number that you will have at two fifteen. And I say to you that it would be wise to proceed now, while we have got this number here now, rather than to come back at two fifteen and have nobody.

COMRADE SIMMONS:

On the amendment to the motion: It would be unwise to ad-

journal the session until the polls close, because, in my experience at these Conventions, it takes at least an hour to count the ballots; and we had better let the tellers, with their sandwiches and coffee, count the ballots during the lunch hour, otherwise, when we come back it will be another hour.

COMRADE TINNEY:

It seems to me we ought to get the returns of the vote, then adjourn. Every eligible man is entitled to vote. That is what we are here for. We want to give every man the same privilege on this floor, not one, or not anybody from the Old Guard Camp to try and come here and try to control things.

COMRADE FLOREA:

The Comrade is out of order that makes a remark like that.

A COMRADE:

I ask as a special privilege that you recite the amendment. I do not think it wise to adjourn at the present time if we can stay here and have resolutions presented and acted upon now, and then adjourn if we want to, and afterwards hear the result of the election.

The amendment is lost.

All those in favor of the original motion to receive the Resolutions Committee's report, signify by saying "Aye."

Carried.

COMRADE JOHNSON:

Department Commander and Comrades: Shall I read the entire resolutions or just a summary to save time?

"Summary" is called for, and agreed to.

(It is now twelve minutes past one P. M.)

Proceeds with the reading of summary of the following resolutions:

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Our soldiers and sailors are operating in a distant and hostile land, where a state of war exists; and they are suffering privations and lack some of the material comforts, just as we experienced in our term of service.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That all Camps be called upon to forward old discarded books, magazines, newspapers, etc., to Department Headquarters for the proper distribution to our soldiers, sailors and marines in the area in which they may be operating.

BERNHARDT WALL,

*Past Department Commander.*

Your Committee favors the sentiment of this resolution and recommends its adoption.

Adopted.

### RESOLUTION

Presented by Past Department Commander Bernhardt Wall.

WHEREAS, Comrade John H. Grant (Times Court, No. 25 West Fiftieth street, New York City), Past Surgeon General, and Past Department Surgeon of the Department of New York; and Chairman of the Coghlan Memorial Fund Committee, is seriously ill, and has been for the past six months; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That a message of sympathy and Comradely cheer be sent to Comrade Grant.

Your Committee recommends its adoption.

Adopted.

### RESOLUTION

Introduced by Comrade John A. O'Donnell, Adjutant, Manhattan Camp No. 1, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans.

WHEREAS, The Key Bill, No. 13044, now before the United States Senate, has been favorably reported upon by the Committee on Pensions; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans in Encampment assembled at the city of Schenectady, N. Y., be directed to prepare, distribute and supervise the securing of petitions directed to the United States Senators from New York, and requesting said Senators to support said bill; that a copy of said petition be placed in the hands of each member of the Department of New York, requesting him to secure the signatures thereto of any enrolled voters; said petition to be substantially as follows:

*"To the Hon. Elihu Root and Hon. James A. O'Gorman,  
United States Senators from the State of New York:*

*"We, the undersigned enrolled voters of the State of New York, do hereby respectfully petition you as representatives of the State of New York, to use your best efforts to secure the enactment of the Key Bill (Senate Bill No. 13044) which is now before you for consideration."*

Your Committee is very heartily in favor of this resolution, but feel that to put this work on the incoming administration, owing to the time which would be lost, would not accomplish the desired results; therefore, we would recommend that each Camp Commander be instructed to have these petitions printed at once and circulated by the members of the Camp.

Adopted.

#### RESOLUTION

I respectfully submit the following resolution for consideration:

*Resolved*, That each Camp in this Department receive a copy of the proceedings of each Encampment, whether they have a representative present or not.

Respectfully,

FREDERICK BURNS,

*Commander, Capt. W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp No. 29.*

The Committee recommends it adoption.

Adopted.

#### RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Patriotic Instructors held in the city of New York, the following was adopted as a tentative resolution to be submitted to the Camp Patriotic Instructors in the city of Schenectady during the Eleventh Annual Encampment:

*Resolved*, (1) That the Patriotic Instructors of the various Camps in the Department of New York form an association to be called "The Patriotic Instructors of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York."

(2) To assess each Camp whose Patriotic Instructor is a member, the sum of \$1 per annum.

(3) To have a Board of Officers as follows: A President who shall be the Department Patriotic Instructor, and as many Vice

Presidents as there are districts — which will be subsequently divided by the Department Commander.

(4) To hold monthly meetings and have papers prepared, read and discussed thereon.

(5) To publish a brief outline of the work accomplished each quarter and to send a copy thereof to each Camp Patriotic Instructor in the Department of New York.

(6) To arrange for the interchange of visits by the Camp Patriotic Instructors of the various Camps; and to encourage each other as much as possible by the dissemination of patriotic literature.

(7) To hold short excursions to points of patriotic interest, and to invite Comrades to attend the same.

(8) To arrange for all meetings of a patriotic nature, such as the observance of the Fourth of July, of Flag Day, Memorial Day and such other National Holidays as may be by statute in the State of New York.

(9) To answer all attacks on the United Spanish War Veterans, and to maintain a persistent fight for the rights of Veterans.

(10) To teach, by precept and practice, a feeling of true American patriotism, equal rights to all, respect for the flag, and for constituted authority.

(11) To vehemently denounce, and at all times hold reprehensible, the conduct of any class, organization or set of men who would seek to stir up religious (class), or race hatred, or to engender any feeling on account of a man's nationality or place of birth, or in any manner to cause any dissension in the United Spanish War Veterans.

(12) To pledge unfaltering fidelity to every principle which shall endeavor to offset this vicious practice of race (class), or religious prejudice.

The following resolution was submitted by the conference of the Camp Patriotic Instructors:

*Resolved*, That the Eleventh Annual Department Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, approves of the formation of an association as herein outlined.

Your Committee believes that the better understanding there is between the Camp Officers the better results will be obtained and the more far reaching will be the benefits; therefore, we recom-

mend the adoption of this resolution — with the addition of the word “Class” in the 11th and 12th paragraphs between the words “religious” and “race” in each paragraph.

Adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Congressman Martin Dies of Texas has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives known as H. R. Bill 13172 fixing the terms of service of Civil Service Employees, and

WHEREAS, In this bill there is the following clause: “and hereafter when it shall appear that any Civil Service Employee of the United States has been in the Service for ten years his or her name shall automatically drop from the pay rolls of the Government” and

WHEREAS, The above-quoted provision nullifies the effect of legislation enacted in favor of the retention in position of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee of the Department of New York use every legitimate means in their power to have Congressman Dies’ bill amended by the addition of the following: “Provided that in the event of reductions being made in any of the Departments of the Classified Service, all honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines shall be exempt from the provisions of this act,” and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Delegates from the Department of New York to the National Encampment introduce a resolution at said Encampment making the amendment to the so-called Dies’ (No. 13172) Bill a preferred measure for consideration and favorable action by the National Administration.

BERNARD J. PIERCE,

*Manhattan No. 1.*

PATRICK GARRAHY,

*Astor Camp No. 98.*

THOMAS GILSENAN,

*Astor Camp No. 98.*

J. H. BARKER,

*Empire City Camp No. 92.*

PETER J. LAUBY,

*Lawton Camp No. 21.*



Your Committee approves of this resolution and recommends that it be referred to the Legislative Committee for approval, and by said Committee submitted to the Delegates from this Department for introduction at the Eleventh National Encampment.

Recommendation adopted.

### RESOLUTION

Presented to the Department Encampment, State of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, by Capt. George H. Tilly Camp No. 66, Jamaica, N. Y.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department Encampment endorse the following and submit same to the State Legislature:

### AN ACT

That it shall be a felony for any person or persons to wilfully or maliciously by word or act, where three or more persons are gathered together for any purpose, to publicly defame, denounce or desecrate the American Flag, or the Institutions and Constitution of the United States. If any person or persons shall incite others either orally or in writing to rebel against the laws of the State or Nation by inflammatory speeches, or in writing at any time or place, public or private, they shall be apprehended immediately and taken into custody and brought to trial before the proper authorities, and if found guilty, to be committed to a state's prison for a term of not less than five years and not more than ten years, for the first offense; and not less than ten years and not more than twenty years for the second offence; and in the event of a third offense, to be tried as a habitual criminal.

Respectfully submitted to Charles H. Wenz, Commander of Capt. George H. Tilly Camp No. 66, Jamaica, N. Y.

JOSEPH F. SIMPSON,  
MARTIN J. SIMPSON,  
ALFRED HALLIDAY,  
JOHN CONWAY,

*Resolution Committee.*

Respectfully submitted to the Department Encampment.

Approved.

CHAS. H. WENZ, *Commander.*

JOHN A. MILLER, *Adjutant.*

Your Committee approve of this resolution, and recommend that the Legislative Committee be instructed to make this act a part of their program before the next Legislature of this State.

Adopted.

### RESOLUTION

Presented to the Department Encampment, State of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, by the Capt. George H. Tilly Camp No. 66, Jamaica, N. Y.

#### AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Department Encampment endorse and submit to the Legislature of the State of New York, and if deemed advisable to be submitted to the people as a Constitutional Amendment.

Any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine (or his widow) who served in the military or naval service of the United States in the war of the rebellion (1861 to 1865) or the Spanish-American War, Philippine insurrection and Chinese Boxer Expedition between April 21, 1898, to July 4, 1902; who owns and actually occupies as a residence a building known as a one-family house not exceeding in valuation (at the time this act takes effect) the sum of \$4,000 shall henceforth be exempt from all taxation by the State, county, city, town or village, except such assessments as may be levied for local improvements.

JOSEPH F. SIMPSON,  
MARTIN J. SIMPSON,  
ALFRED HALLIDAY,  
JOHN CONWAY,

*Resolution Committee.*

Respectfully submitted to Charles H. Wenz, Commander of the Capt. George H. Tilly Camp No. 66, Jamaica, N. Y.

Respectfully referred to the Department Encampment.

Approved.

CHAS. H. WENZ, *Commander.*

JOHN A. MILLER, *Adjutant.*

Your Committee recommend that this resolution be referred to the Legislative Committee for action.

Adopted.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Spanish War Veterans Civil Service Association of the State of New York was organized for the purpose of protection of all Spanish War Veterans in National, State, County and Municipal Civil Service the preference in appointment, promotion, and retention in office of aforesaid Veterans, and

WHEREAS, Important legislation will shortly be enacted affecting said Veterans, and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid association having a membership of 1,600 members, and being in an excellent financial condition to further our rights in any legislative enactment, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That all legislation affecting the rights of Spanish War Veterans be intrusted to the Spanish War Veterans Civil Service Association of the State of New York subject to the approval of the Council of Administration.

PATRICK GARRAHY,  
*Astor Camp No. 98.*  
BERNARD J. PIERCE,  
*Manhattan Camp No. 1.*  
THOMAS GILSENAN,  
*Astor Camp No. 98.*  
J. H. BARKER,  
*Empire City No. 92.*  
PETER J. LAUBY,  
*Lawton No. 21.*

Your Committee would recommend the rejection of this resolution.

COMRADE BART HUNT:

I object to that decision.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It is to be taken up in its proper turn.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., July 7, 1914

*To the Resolution Committee:*

WHEREAS, With a view to the passage of the twenty-five-year bill, all soldiers at present in the service have suffered and sacrificed many rights and privileges; such as loss of double time, reduction of travel pay and increase in length of enlistment period; be it

*Resolved*, That this Encampment go on record as favoring speedy action on this measure; be it further

*Resolved*, That the Delegates to the National Encampment from this Department be instructed to bring this matter forcefully to the attention of the National Encampment.

CHAS. J. WATSON,

*Commander, West Point Camp No. 85.*

Your Committee approves of the above resolution and recommends its adoption.

Adopted.

#### PREAMBLE

In the natural course of events death is rapidly decimating the ranks of the Veterans of the Mexican War and the Veterans of the Civil War of 1861-1865, those brave men whose sacrifices added a large area of territory to the United States and keep the Union of the States indissoluble. A younger generation of men must keep alive the spirit of fraternalism which must always exist among men who have shared the dangers and privations of war, and

WHEREAS, The Veterans of the Spanish-American War and subsequent campaigns in the Philippine Islands, Solu Archipelago and China are divided into several organizations, all having practically the same objects in view, to wit: The fostering of fraternal feeling between the members and the protection of their mutual interests and those of their families; and

WHEREAS, The division of such Veterans into several organizations having the same beneficent objects has militated against them individually and collectively, particularly in the way of obtaining favorable legislation. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the United Spanish War Veterans of the State of New York, in Encampment assembled, desire to go on record as favoring an amalgamation of all veteran societies in one Grand Army of the Republic which will be self-perpetuating from the fact that the veterans of all future conflicts in which our country may be involved shall be eligible for membership; and be it also

*Resolved*, That this Encampment instruct its delegates who shall represent it at the next National Encampment to introduce resolutions favoring such amalgamation and to further by every means in their power such unity of all veteran organizations in one grand organization; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the National Encampment of United Spanish War Veterans be asked to invite the Mexican War Veterans, Grand Army of the Republic, all the various veteran societies of the Spanish War and campaigns in the Philippines, Solu Archipelago and Chinese campaigns to send delegates to a convention to bring about this union of societies, such organizations to be represented proportionate to their membership in good standing, or on a basis to be hereafter agreed on.

JAMES P. BYRNE,  
*McKinley Camp, U. S. W. V., No. 62,*  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

(126 East 12th Street,  
New York.)

Your Committee favors the sentiment of this resolution, and while we feel that this proposition should come by courtesy from the older Organization, we recommend its adoption.

Adopted.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON of the Committee on Resolutions:

Your Committee have received three different resolutions indorsing three different men for the same office to the next National Encampment; and we would request that it be rejected without record.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Any objections? Hearing none, the recommendation of the Committee is accepted.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON :

This completes the report at present.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER :

This is only a partial report, Comrades.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON :

We are going in session again at two fifteen, and will receive any additional resolutions.

COMRADE LARKIN, Camp No. 48 :

Asks if there are more resolutions to be presented.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER :

Yes, yes.

Now, Comrades, this completes only a portion of this partial report, because there was an objection raised to one of the resolutions, and I am asking the Chairman of the Committee to take that resolution up again and put it before the Encampment.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON (Again reads resolution referring to the Civil Service Association of the United Spanish War Veterans.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: Recognizes Comrade Bart Hunt, who attempted to address him to the matter of advocating the adoption of said resolution, but he was interrupted by the following remarks of

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON of the Committee on Resolutions :

Your Committee, Comrades, feel that while we are doing no injustice to the Association of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Civil Service, we feel that by the adoption of this resolution you are taking the entire legislation of the Organization out of the hands of your Elective Officers and placing it within the hands and jurisdiction of an organization organized within this Body, although not an organization of the Body. It is not a Committee appointed by this Body; it is not a Body which is to be held accountable entirely by this Body, but it is an independent Organization formed within our Organization. We feel that there could be improvements made on this, yet by intrusting all legislation affecting the rights of United Spanish War Veterans,

by intrusting that to the Spanish War Veterans Civil Service Association, even subject to the supervision and approval of the Council of Administration, we have no further jurisdiction over that legislation.

Now, Comrades, your Committee feel, we have looked into this matter very carefully, and we feel you would be making a grave mistake not only in passing this resolution, but it would be setting such a bad precedent.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: (Announces that it is one minute before the polls close.)

COMRADE MCCOY:

I move that the action of the Committee on Resolutions be concurred in.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I must recognize Comrade Bart Hunt on this as he should have been recognized first.

COMRADE BART HUNT:

Comrade Commander and Comrades:—

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

Point of order! I insist that the motion is in order and any discussion on it always would be in order.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair has ruled that it did not recognize you, and Comrade Hunt should have received the first recognition.

COMRADE BART HUNT: Rose, but was interrupted by a voice.)

“There is no motion before this Body at the present time, and as a motion is always in order, I maintain that Comrade Cunningham is perfectly right.”

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair is ruling on the recommendation of a Committee; and Comrade Hunt has the floor.

COMRADE HUNT:

Comrade Commander: The rule was made by this Encampment that the resolutions should stand adopted on the report

of the Committee if there was no objection. Now there is a matter before the House without any motion to reject that, because the Committee have not reported. I wish to state for the benefit of the Comrades present that it would not be practicable for every Delegate present to participate —

A COMRADE: (Rises to speak.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

What do you rise on Comrade?

THE COMRADE:

There is nothing before the House to discuss.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

That is my point of order, Comrade Commander. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Committee moved the rejection of this resolution. The procedure decided upon here was that if there was no objection on any given resolution it would be accepted as approved of. In this case there has been an objection raised, therefore, we assume the Committee's report is not favorable. The point of order is well taken that something must be before the House, but Comrade Hunt has the floor!

(The Chair here announces that the polls are closed.)

COMRADE HUNT: (Has the floor.)

If the Chair moves that a motion is necessary, I will undoubtedly make that motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We must have a motion before you can discuss it. (As Comrade Hunt again tries to proceed, the Chair insists:)

"Comrade Hunt, you are out of order, unless you make a motion." The Chair recognizes

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

The point is that the Committee recommended that this portion of that resolution be not accepted. I will move, to bring it before the House, that the report of the Committee be concurred in, inasmuch as there was objections to their report.

(Cries of second the motion.)

Agreed to.



COMRADE HUNT:

Comrade Commander and Comrades: My objection of the Committee on Resolutions to the adoption of this report was that it would take out of the hands of this body of men the work of handling this legislation that we are seeking. You know, Comrades, how many of you will take an active work in pushing these legislative measures that we contemplate introducing this year? We have an Organization, organized throughout the State of New York —

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (Becoming apprehensive):

If the Comrade will excuse me a moment, and with the consent of Comrade Hunt, I will limit the discussion to five minutes.

COMRADE HUNT:

Well, Comrade Commander, there is a very serious objection to that on my part.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

How about ten minutes, then?

COMRADE HUNT:

All right. (Proceeds.) Our Organization is organized for the purpose of looking after the interests of men of the United Spanish War Veterans who are in Civil Service employment of the city, or counties, or State of New York, or of the United States; and along with that we want to enact legislation that will make it very easy for United Spanish War Veterans to enter this service. We are organized especially for that purpose. The Organization of the United Spanish War Veterans is organized for an entirely different purpose. And we feel that having that particular point in view, that we can give these matters all our attention and we can keep in touch with these things without interfering with the other business of an Organization such as this. Now, somebody has got to be entrusted with the work of following up this legislation. We have the finances to do it; and we have the men connected with our Organization to do it; and when we do it we simply continue the work that they direct us to do. We can probably bring to your attention things that would not be noticed by the Legislative Committee or some other officials of our Organi-

zation, because they would not have the time to go into these matters. It is our business because these things are constantly crossing our path, these matters of legislation. At the present time we have had the ignoring of the law, section 22, by the officials of New York. The impression exists there in the minds of many heads of departments that if for lack of work, or any other cause, *no preference was to be given to United Spanish War Veterans, and nobody was to be considered but Civil War Veterans.*

There are other matters of great importance to the Organization, they are those that do not only come under this heading but those cases in which they did not have any good grounds for removal, if section 22 means anything; and we have in the State of New York re-instated many of our Comrades.

Recently one Department Head laid off five Comrades, and when we brought it to the attention of the head of that Department, he said that he was not aware of the fact — and they were reinstated, but the men were kept out; and they will not be actually reinstated until we get a decision from the Appellate Division. There may be many Comrades here who are not familiar with the representatives of the Organization and the requirements for membership, and so I will read you two short sections of it:

#### NAME AND OBJECTS

The name of this Association shall be:

#### THE SPANISH WAR VETERANS' CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

and its object shall be to protect and promote, as far as practicable, the interests of its members in their employment in the Civil Service.

#### ARTICLE II.

##### Membership

Section 1. Any member in good standing, of the United Spanish War Veterans, who is a resident of the State of New York, and who is employed in any department or branch of the Civil Service of the United States, or of the State of New York, or of any of its sub-divisions, shall be eligible to membership.

A man to belong to the Spanish War Veterans' Civil Service Association must be a member in good standing in the United

Spanish War Veteran's Organization. We have collected quite a fund and defended the interests of the men who have been laid off. And we want particularly to have this matter of preference brought up at the Constitutional Convention which is soon to meet, and we want to get the same as the Civil War Veterans have got. Now, if there are three or four men in favor of three or four different matters along that line, the result will be that we will be found there favoring three or four different projects, and that will be the cause of us in the end being thrown out of the Convention. Any man can go in to favor any project; and some other man go in; and our Organization will go in — and lastly they will ignore us, or say: "I do not think the Department of New York would be justified in spending the money favoring organization for that purpose." We are able to spend any amount of money for that purpose, and we are ready to investigate anything for the interests of our Comrades along this line, and we want to go through the Council of Administration. What can you be afraid of — what is the objection? It is many of your friends you are not sure of. I know men on the Advisory Committee, but they don't believe in any preference for United Spanish War Veterans; and if that kind is going to handle your interests, I fail to see where your interests as Civil Service employees will be properly protected. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Comrade Moller.

COMRADE MOLLER:

Department Commander and Comrades: I have always, since I joined the United Spanish War Veterans Organization, taken an active interest in Civil Service affairs. I have always tried to get Federal legislation. I have written letters; I have taken it up with the spoilsmen, with Congressmen, with State Senators and United States Senators; and I believe the Civil Service employees should have all the protection that they can get, that they can possibly get — at the same time I am not eligible to join the Civil Service Employees' Association — I am not at the present time, by a ruling of the Civil Service Commission of the United States, nor have I in the past, but I may in the future; and I want to con-

tinue to take an interest in the affairs of this Organization; and I believe that if the resolution of this Committee is not concurred in that it will take this business and put it in the hands of the Civil Service employees, and it will debar a great many of use who want to take an active interest in the Organization; and I, therefore, want to place myself on record as being in favor of concurring in the action of this Committee.

A COMRADE from Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73:

It seems to me from what I have heard Comrade Hunt say about this Civil Service Association, or Organization, they are only working for legislation concerning Civil Service employees to turn over to their Committee; while that resolution calls for all legislation of the United Spanish War Veterans. (Cries of no, no, no; you are wrong on that.)

Chairman Johnson, Resolution Committee, puts Comrades right on that point.

COMRADE DR. ROSS:

I rise to make an explanation of the statement made by the speaker in regard to the Advisory Committee. I have been acting as Temporary Chairman of that Committee and I would say that the Advisory Committee is thoroughly in favor of any legislation that would favor the United Spanish War Veterans in any way. They have made a recommendation for the Constitutional Convention in favor of giving them the preference; and we have worked for them. The last speaker (Comrade Hunt), has certainly made a mistake in regard to that.

COMRADE HUNT:

I rise to reply to that. I did not mean as a Committee. I am talking about individuals.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The question has been called for. I will take a vote on the previous question.

COMRADE MURPHY:

It is not a question of shutting off debate. I had the impression that every one could speak for five minutes. I must take issue with our friend Hunt. I do not think that there is any

member present here of the United Spanish War Veterans who wants to be any stumbling block in the way of any members or set of members to help legislation; but I do believe that it would be a great mistake to take this matter out of the hands of the Convention and give it solely to the Civil Service Association of this Organization. The Convention is the proper place to decide upon the proper kind of legislation desired. We have a Council of Administration and we have a Judge Advocate General. They are the proper channels through which all laws should be made. If they want to recommend certain laws they are perfectly free to do so through the properly constituted body which is now recognized, or come before the Association — the Convention in session assembled. There is no reason why, for 25 per cent., we will say, a fixed number should decide for the Convention what laws should be, or what laws should not be made. It is not fair to us. Why should we be relegated to back seats to let a small percentage of this Civil Service Association to resolve themselves into a committee of one to decide what legislation is best for the United Spanish War Veterans Organization? To hand over to them the power to settle upon our legislation, it is a great mistake. We should not put ourselves in that position. It seems to me that the Convention is the only and the proper place to talk over our affairs of legislation, when we meet here in our Annual Convention; and if we can foresee anything that wants to be done through the Judge Advocate General or the Council of Administration, to see that it is carried out; but we should not give *carte blanche* to an Association within our Organization to do so when they are not recognized on the floor.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair recognizes Comrade McChesney, the Judge Advocate of the Department.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Comrade Commander and Comrades: I stand here as a Comrade, wishing to speak not only to the Organization, but to every member of it. I hope the resolution be not concurred in as read. I think there is grave danger in handing over to any set of men (no matter how earnest they may be for the good of the Organization) all that part of the legislation, or any part of the legis-

lation of this body. Just so soon as it becomes known throughout the State of New York or throughout the Nation that the United Spanish War Veterans have turned over to any particular part or set of men all legislation pertaining to that Order, just that moment you have imposed a handicap that will be tremendously hard to get over. (Applause.)

COMRADE GUILFOYLE:

I move the previous question.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

Point of order! Section 4, part 3, Government of the Department, prescribes specifically that all legislation affecting Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans must be presented at the Department Encampment and referred to a legislative committee of said Department, where such action as the Department Legislative Committee desires shall be adopted. (Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Point of order has been raised, Comrades.

COMRADE LAWLESS rises on the previous question.

The Chair confers with the Judge Advocate so as to rule on the point of order raised by Comrade Cunningham.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chair rules that the resolution is out of order. (Applause.)

COMRADE PIERCE:

On that point of order: This Civil Service Association was formed with the consent of a Past Department Commander. The point of order raised was that the Rules and Regulations prescribe for the legislative provisions of the Organization; and this resolution, the way it reads, is entirely in order.

COMRADE HUNT:

I rise on your point of order. I am going to put the House on record. I don't agree with you on your point of order.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

You have got to take an appeal from my decision. Don't start an argument.

COMRADE BAIRD:

Second that!

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Is there any objection to my taking the vote on the appeal? Hearing none, then the Chair will take the privilege of giving the reasons for the decision on the point of order.

This resolution mentions the Council of Administration of the United Spanish War Veterans. The Rules and Regulations prescribe that matters of that sort be referred to the Committee on Legislation in the Department Encampments. It makes no mention of the Council of Administration or the United Spanish War Veterans' Civil Service Association.

The vote is put and the Chair is sustained.

"That completes the partial report of the Resolution Committee." Is there any objection to this partial report? Hearing none, we will accept the Resolutions Committee's report. The Committee will proceed to complete its report. That is the rule. I recognize Comrade Lawless.

COMRADE LAWLESS: (I don't want to get up now.)

CHAIR: We are still under reports of Committees.

A COMRADE from Camp No. 1:

Point of information! It is said that all legislation affecting this body must be sent before the legislative committee. Has there been a resolution introduced here to extend all this preference in appointment and promotion?

COMRADE HARTIGAN:

Has the Civil Service Association become a component part of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York and subject to the Rules and Regulations?

COMRADE HUNT:

It was organized by Past Commander-in-Chief Simmons; by direction of the Past Department Commander of New York, Comrade Herrick. I was elected president after the first of this year. I never knew that we were part and parcel of the Organ-

ization before. I want to put myself right with the Comrades present. My only purpose in introducing this matter that when matters came up before the Constitutional Convention, that we would not have three or four sets of men with that many different propositions to present.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We are on the order of Committee reports. I will ask the Chairman of the Legislative Committee for his report.

COMRADE McCHESENEY, Chairman of the Legislative Committee reads the following report:

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

*To the Eleventh Annual Encampment, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans:*

COMRADES.—Pursuant to section 4, article 8, part 3 of the Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to present as a report of the Legislative Committee, the following:

Your Committee met at the Court House, city of Troy, on the 7th day of February, 1914. There were present Calvin S. McCheesney, Department Judge Advocate, Chairman; Department Commander Ralph H. Parker; Assistant Department Adjutant John P. Strachan; Past Commander William J. Cunningham; and Past Commander Chauncey W. Herrick.

Subsequent to this meeting your Committee carried on correspondence with various Department Officers relative to the legislative work at Washington and Albany.

As practically the whole of the work done by your Committee, particularly all that is of sufficient importance to be of interest to this Encampment, has been reported in detail in the report of the Department Commander, and the report of the Department Judge Advocate, it is considered unnecessary to give it in detail here.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN S. McCHESENEY, *Chairman,*  
*Department Judge Advocate.*

This 6th day of July, 1914.



## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If there is no objection we will accept the Legislative Committee's report.

So ordered.

COMRADE DR. ROSS makes the following brief report of the Advisory Committee; first reading the following communication:

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER,  
STATE OF NEW YORK,

ALBANY, N. Y., July 3, 1914.

COMRADE RALPH H. PARKER, *Department Commander, Edison Hotel, Schenectady, N. Y.:*

MY DEAR COMMANDER.—Having received replies from a majority of the Committee stating either that they would not be present or that they would leave the matter entirely to my judgment, some others writing that the hour was too early, I have decided to accept the suggestion made by Senator Griffin to amend article V, section 9 of the present State Constitution as follows:

## ARTICLE V

Sec. 9. Appointments and promotions in the Civil Service of the State, and of all the civil divisions thereof, including cities and villages, shall be made according to merit and fitness to be ascertained, as far as practicable, by examination, which, as far as practicable, shall be competitive; provided, however, that honorably discharged soldiers and sailors from the army and navy of the United States in the late Civil War, or in any war in which the United States has been, or may hereafter, be engaged, who are citizens and residents of this State, shall be entitled to preference in appointment and promotion, without regard to their standing on any list from which such appointment or promotion may be made. Laws shall be made to provide for the enforcement of this section.

If you will kindly bring this matter to the kind attention of what few committee men will be on hand and if it meets with their ap-

proval report same to the Encampment, with the assurance that they may use my services in presenting same to the Constitutional Convention, you will greatly oblige,

Yours in F. P. and H.,  
 (Signed.) DEAN NELSON, *Chairman,*  
*Special Advisory Committee.*

We have no special written report, but we do have the honor to report that we have taken up the matter of a Constitutional amendment for consideration at the coming Constitutional Convention, and a resolution has been proposed. It has been referred to the Department Judge Advocate, and by him referred to the Committee on Resolutions for their action, and then will be presented to this Encampment for its adoption or rejection. We are only acting as an Advisory Committee and not in any other capacity.

Report accepted.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We will now have read a communication from the Department Commander of New Jersey.

HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

NEWARK, N. J., *July 7, 1914.*

COMRADE RALPH H. PARKER, *Department Commander, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans:*

MY DEAR COMRADE PARKER.— I have just received your kind letter of congratulation and the invitation to attend your Annual Encampment.

I feel sorry now that I took a few days' vacation down at the shore, although I needed it very badly and have been looking forward to it for some time, because I would much rather have gone to Schenectady and spent a couple of days with you and our Comrades of New York State.

However, it is no use regretting what is past and gone, so here's hoping that I will be able to be with you next year to make amends.

I want to congratulate you on your able administration of the Department of New York during the past year. I know that it has been a work of love with you, and may you receive your reward for all the work you have done in knowing that you have been successful.

We of New Jersey shall always have a glad hand to extend to Ralph H. Parker as a comrade and a man, and here is success to the Department of New York and to the man who is to succeed you as Department Commander.

With kindest wishes and regards, I am

Yours very fraternally,  
(Signed.) THOMAS GOLDINGAY,  
*Department Commander.*

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I now call for a report of the Committee on Proceedings.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HERRICK:

Department Commander and Comrades: Some Comrades who were at the Syracuse Convention last year know that our stenographer at that time was absolutely incompetent to do the work. I succeeded about three months after the Encampment in getting about fifty-three (53) pages of typewritten matter. We have to construct a book. I have succeeded in getting the book together, after a great many trials and tribulations; and I have a partial promise that we will have a sufficient number of the books here (if we stay long enough) this afternoon to supply the Delegates here; and the rest will be mailed out next week. I regret that we had the Proceedings delayed so long, but it was owing to the fact that the matter was in such bad shape that it was impossible to get it together. Most of it had to be reconstructed.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If there is no objection the report will be accepted.  
So ordered.

We will now hear the report of the Credential Committee. Do you want the entire list of Delegates read? (Answers from many parts of the Armory: "No, just the number of them.")



Assistant Department Adjutant JOHN TEMME  
(Appointed May 1, 1914)





COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

I would move you, sir, that the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials read the first and last Camps and announce the total number of delegates assembled.

The Chair puts the motion thus: "First and last Camps and total number."

So ordered.

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT JONES, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reads as agreed the following report, showing "a total of three hundred and thirty-five qualified Delegates."

ELEVENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

Schenectady, New York, July 6th, 7th and 8th, 1914

*Department Officers*

- Ralph H. Parker, Department Commander.
- O. E. Her, Department Senior Vice Commander.
- Alfred J. Kennedy, Department Chief of Staff.
- William Jones, Department Adjutant.
- T. J. O'Donnell, Department Quartermaster.
- Frank W. Ross, Department Surgeon.
- I. Joel, Department Inspector.
- William H. I. Reaney, Department Chaplain.
- P. J. Guilfoyle, Department Historian.
- John J. Fitzgerald, Department Patriotic Instructor.
- Calvin S. McChesney, Department Judge Advocate.
- William E. Gilbert, Department Marshal.
- John S. Strachan, Assistant Department Adjutant.
- J. H. Temme, Assistant Department Adjutant.
- Alfred Kuhn, Assistant Department Quartermaster.

*Manhattan Camp No. 1*

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| Paul Stobbe, Commander.      | Wm. J. Conley, Delegate.   |
| Bernhardt Wall, P. D. C.     | B. J. Pierce, Delegate.    |
| F. R. W. Herring, Jr. V C.   | John Reilly, Delegate.     |
| P. F. Harney, P. C.          | Harry Landau, Delegate.    |
| Stephen J. Fallon, Delegate. | Joseph Sullivan, Delegate. |
| James J. Clarke, Delegate.   | A. Lazarus, Delegate.      |
| John A. O'Donnell, Delegate. |                            |

*M. D. Russell Camp No. 2*

Wm. J. Cunningham, P. D. C.	Michael F. Rogers, P. C.
Wm. J. Tyner, Commander.	E. J. Herring, P. C.
Zera D. Link, S. V. Comdr.	James J. O'Connor, P. C.
T. J. Falls, Jr. V. Comdr.	George W. McCune, P. C.
J. J. Corcoran, P. C.	T. J. Bourke, P. C.
Charles A. Olivier, P. C.	Joseph F. Tinney, Delegate.
William H. Riley, P. C.	Ernest Doin, Delegate.
Edward J. Tremblay, P. C.	

*T. H. Barber Camp No. 3*

Clarence Lathrop, Commander.	George O. Gay, P. C.
Frank E. Gee, S. V. Comdr.	William T. Hunt, P. C.
E. R. Potter, Jr. V. Comdr.	Lawrence Murray, Delegate.
R. M. Gilbert, P. C.	Henry R. Rush, Delegate.
Frank W. Wood, P. C.	George E. Russell, Delegate.

*Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4*

Wm. E. White, Commander.	T. V. Kelly, Delegate.
Wm. E. Beauchamp, Jr. V. C.	James Rice, Delegate.
William Dunney, P. C.	Harry E. Smith, Delegate.
John F. Kelly, Delegate.	W. Finnerty, Delegate.
William Eighmay, Delegate.	John Curtin, Delegate.
P. S. Rigney, Delegate.	

*Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5*

John H. McGill, Jr. V. Comdr.	P. H. Johnson, Delegate.
John Daly, P. C.	Robert M. Mackin, Delegate.

*Hon. S. E. Sanford Camp No. 6*

Louis Harnish, Delegate.

*Niagara Falls Camp No. 7*

Stephen Harder, Sr. V. Comdr.

*Wm. R. Carmer Camp No. 8*

Otto C. Wuestenhofer, Delegate.

*W. A. Wilson Camp No. 9*

Albert Reynolds, S. V. Comdr.	Charles Meyerson, P. C.
F. J. Narrow, Commander.	Howard McOmer, P. C.

*Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10*

George Kruge, Commander.	Oscar F. Berger, Delegate.
John Finneran, S. V. Comdr.	William C. Walde, Delegate.
Thos. J. Mulvihill, Jr. V. C.	

*General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11*

Geo. L. Alexander, Comander.	Frank Hoffman, P. C.
William Boldt, S. V. Comdr.	A. A. Ross, P. C.
Benjamin Reisner, Jr. V. C.	John M. Closson, Delegate.
Garrett V. Johnson, P. C.	Thomas Spellacy, Delegate.
Martin Hodges, P. C.	George Hussing, Delegate.
Charles N. Hulbert, P. C.	George F. Ramsey, P. C.

*Seyburn-Liscuum Camp No. 12*

Thos. F. Provoost, Commander.	George M. Gumry, Delegate.
William A. Flett, P. C.	Jesse L. Cowles, Delegate.
George A. Markham, P. C.	Anthony Gavin, Delegate.
Albert Hahn, P. C.	Arthur R. Rosebrock, Delegate.
Charles E. Haller, P. C.	William Bentley, Delegate.
Andrew B. Gilfillan, P. C.	A. Wohler, P. C.
Adolph Yunhke, P. C.	J. J. Smith, S. V.
Leonard Merical, Delegate.	

*14th Regiment Camp No. 14*

Thomas E. Reid, Commander.	E. D. Brosnan, Delegate.
Thomas Bligh, Delegate.	

*Bucky O'Neil Camp No. 15*

Charles J. Frey, S. V.	Charles L. Senft, Delegate.
Michael J. Lindner, J. V.	Charles Fitzgerald, Delegate.
Charles S. Beilman, P. C.	Louis Turner, Delegate.
Joseph M. Brecker, P. C.	F. T. Elbers, Delegate.

*Admiral Schley Camp No. 16*

Moe Morris, Delegate.

*Major-General R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17*

Wm. C. Strauss, Commander.	George J. Stephans, Delegate.
Joseph Roemhild, Jr., Delegate.	E. Oehler, Jr. V.

*Admiral Phillips Camp No. 18*

E. F. Taylor, Delegate.



*Old Guard Camp No. 19*

Alfred H. Torbet, Commander.	George H. King, P. C.
Arthur Fairlamb, S. V.	Morris Florea, Delegate.
Maurice Simmons, P. C. C.	Louis C. Faigel, Delegate.
John E. J. Clare, P. C.	John Hunt O'Connor, Delegate.
Frederick Woodhull, P. C.	D. J. Murphy, P. C.

*Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20*

William Hillis, Commander.	Louis Kush, Delegate.
Joseph P. Thomson, S. V.	Charles A. Brodie, Delegate.
Charles Borman, P. V.	

*General H. W. Lawton Camp No. 21*

N. E. Walsh, Commander.	Herbert Davis, Delegate.
Peter Lauby, P. C.	Joseph Donnelly, P. C.

*Capron Camp No. 22*

No Delegate.

*New York City Camp No. 23*

Joseph Lewis, Commander.	Hyman Finkelstone, P. C.
Ferdinand Pemple, S. V.	Joseph Citron, Delegate.
Theodore J. Joffe, J. V.	

*Colonel H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24*

James Lavery, Commander.	James Christie, Delegate.
John A. Richter, S. V.	Joseph W. Weldon, Delegate.
E. F. Rolle, P. C.	Joseph Hartigan, Jr. V.
Albert Franke, P. C.	

*L. B. Smith Camp No. 25*

C. L. Seiler, Delegate.	V. Aschbacher, Delegate.
Carl Zuck, Delegate.	

*Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26*

Burton L. Rider, Commander.	Andrew O. Anderson, Delegate.
Daniel J. O'Mara, P. C.	

*Wallace F. Randolph Camp No. 27*

John Darling, S. V. C.	Charles Miller, Delegate.
E. B. Moeller, P. C.	

*Capt. E. R. Palmer Camp No. 28*

Wm. S. Fredenrich, Comdr.	James E. Roach, Delegate.
William P. Malcolm, P. C.	Joseph P. Ryan, Delegate.
L. Theodore A. Dreis, P. C.	P. J. Gleason, Delegate.
John H. Ehmann, P. C.	William H. Kyle, Delegate
Edward W. Burton, P. C.	E. Tygart, S. V.
A. W. Mather, P. C	L. Le Vielli, Jr. V.
Clarence P. Clark, P. C.	

*W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp No. 29*

Frederick Burns, Commander.	John M. Neimeyer, P. C.
Val Hoppe, Jr. V.	

*Neptune Naval Camp No. 30*

Alexander Smith, Delegate.

*Griffin Engineers' Camp No. 31*

Irving Coon, Commander.	J. J. Murphy, P. C.
Thomas Regan, S. V.	Thomas Quinn, P. C.
Thomas Murphy, Delegate.	

*A. C. Weller Camp No. 32*

No Delegates.

*Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 33*

Philip O'Toole, Commander.	H. P. Norris, P. C.
Henry C. Schmaltz, P. C.	C. H. Tucker, Jr. V.

*H. J. Reilly Camp No. 34*

William Steiger, P. C.	John Merwede, Delegate.
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*O. Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35*

No Delegates.

*Defendam Camp No. 36*

William J. Moore, P. C.	B. F. Gambrell, Delegate.
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*N. W. Crosby Camp No. 37*

John F. Flanagan, Commander.	George J. Sawyer, P. C.
F. J. Schulte, S. V.	V. Bovie, Delegate.
D. F. Hynes, P. C.	A. G. Dumond, Jr. V.

*General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38*

Peter J. O'Brien, Commander.	Daniel Ford, Jr. V.
Joseph J. Halliday, S. V. C.	P. J. Corcoran, P. C.
John E. Reilly, P. C.	John J. McCarthy, Delegate.
Frederick C. Madden, P. C.	

*Major L. B. Lawton Camp No. 39*

No Delegate.

*E. H. Hoffman Camp No. 40*

Lee W. Card, Commander.	L. H. Forest, S. V.
H. W. Pankaw, Jr. V.	John D. Driscoll, P. C.

*Colonel Walter Scott Camp No. 42*

C. W. Herrick, P. D. C	U. S. Ferguson, P. C.
F. M. H. Jackson, Commander.	D. F. Keyes, Delegate.
William R. Little, S. V.	

*George D. Russell Camp No. 43*

Robinson Germond, Comdr.	Charles P. Shinn, Delegate.
Charles O. Davis, P. C.	

*Major John J. Sague Camp No. 44*

William Hof, Delegate.	Fred D. Gussard, P. C.
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*S. M. Porter Camp No. 45*

No Delegates.

*Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46*

Axel Swenson, S. V.	George W. Harris, P. C.
George Sullivan, Jr. V.	Daniel Cullinane, P. C.
Frank Smith, P. C.	Jeremiah Culhane, Delegate.
William E. Whiting, P. C.	

*Baron Steuben Camp No. 47*

No Delegates.

*Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48*

John F. Spolders, P. C.	S. Feltman, P. C.
W. J. Carroll, P. C.	E. W. Larkin, P. C.

*Naval Camp No. 49*

Frank Rush, Delegate.	A. G. Aquacero, Delegate.
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*Colonel Vrooman Camp No. 51*

Charles Garlock, Commander. John Shaul, Delegate.

*F. C. Warner Camp No. 52*

No Delegate.

*Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53*

Albert W. Smith, S. V. William C. Snyder, Delegate.  
Joseph W. Heeney, Delegate. George Conlon, Commander.

*Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56*

No Delegate.

*Saratoga Camp No. 58*

Charles V. Van Pelt, S. V. George W. Ainsworth, P. C.  
Fred. W. Dunson, P. C. M. P. Mills, Delegate.  
Fred. E. Calkins, P. C.

*David Wilson Camp No. 59*

B. Rosenberg, Commander. J. H. Murtha, Delegate.  
John Lyon, S. V. R. Bades, Delegate.  
M. J. Leary, Jr. V. M. F. McNamara, Delegate.  
W. V. McCoy, P. C. Otto Schmidt, Delegate.

*Capt. Allyn K. Capron Camp No. 60*

No Delegates.

*Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61*

B. O. Worrell, P. C.

*William McKinley Camp No. 62*

Wm. S. Goodwin, Commander. Charles Gustavus, P. C.  
James A. Waleur, Jr. V. Louis Sussman, Delegate.  
C. C. Marley, P. C. Edward Hill, Delegate.

*Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp No. 65*

Frank B. Mang, Commander. William Rieneke, Delegate.

*Capt. Geo. H. Tilly Camp No. 66*

Alfred Halliday, P. C. A. W. Nord, Jr. V.  
W. W. Baird, Delegate.

*John V. Searles Camp No. 67*

James F. Reynolds, Delegate.

*Newell Rising Camp No. 68*

Wm. A. Darcey, Commander.

*Admiral Cook Camp No. 69*

No Delegate.

*Hudson Camp No. 71*

A. Hardwick, P. C.

H. M. Saulpaugh, Delegate.

*Jos. J. Tully Camp No. 72*

Wm. A. Spencer, Commander.

Elmer E. Levy, Delegate.

Joseph Stenger, S. V.

*Thos. H. Barry Camp No. 73*

George W. Preese, Commander.

Robert Flinch, P. C.

Raymond S. Newton, S. V. C.

Albert Hawkins, Delegate.

George W. Myers, Jr. V.

James T. Carroll, Delegate.

John L. Dunn, P. C.

*David J. Johnson Camp No. 74*

William Ross, Delegate.

*Colonial Camp No. 75*

G. F. Diamond, Delegate.

*Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78*

George A. W. Kliene, S. V.

A. A. P. Rich, Delegate.

A. Indzonka, Jr. V.

George Tice, Delegate.

Abram V. Burton, P. C.

Sterrit Keefe, P. C.

Adam Faulkner, P. C.

George Chapman, P. C.

James D. Tweed, P. C.

*Thomas C. Fitzgerald Camp No. 79*

Edward J. Wilson, Commander.

Edward J. Gramm, Delegate.

*Captain Malcolm A. Rafferty Camp No. 80*

No Delegates.

*Sergeant Chas. Smith Camp No. 81*

No Delegates.

*Admiral Jos. B. Coghlan Camp No. 82*

No Delegates.

*Lockport Camp No. 83*

P. V. Palmetier, Delegate.

Philip Russel, S. V.

*Major-General Geo. F. Elliott Camp No. 84*

Walter L. Grove, Delegate.

*West Point Camp No. 85*

William Beardsley, Jr. V. Charles J. Watson, Delegate.

*Colonel J. C. Butler Camp No. 86*

Russell A. Babcock, Comdr. L. E. Sitterley, Delegate.

William Andrews, S. V. C. A. Vogelsan, P. C.

A. Watson, Jr. V. Joseph Dooley, P. C.

Eugene Curley, P. C. Hiram Clark, Delegate.

Thomas W. Quigley, P. C.

*Philippine Camp No. 87*

No Delegates.

*General Jos. Wheeler Camp No. 89*

Walter E. McRae, Delegate.

*Admiral Wm. P. Potter Camp No. 90*

George H. Dowd, Delegate. H. Douglass, P. C.

C. C. Yemanas, P. C.

*Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 91*

Thomas F. Dawkins, Comdr. J. J. Tierney, Delegate

William P. Seaver, S. V. Joseph A. Murray, Delegate.

Frank M. Lawless, P. C. James V. Guckian, Delegate.

Hugh Joyce, P. C. Harry Standish, Delegate.

*Empire City Camp No. 92*

Bernard J. Walsh, Commander. Bart Hunt, P. C.

Chas. B. Montegriff, J. V. C. L. Walter Barker, P. C.

John F. Dwyer, P. C. James J. Curtin, P. C.

Thomas S. Riachards. John F. Meade, Delegate.

*69th Regiment Camp No. 93*

Michael Norton, Delegate. H. J. Barrow, P. C.

*General Stephen Moffitt Camp No. 94*

No Delegates.

*Chrispus Attucks Camp No. 95*

H. Herman Blount, Comdr. Cyrus Field, Jr. V.

*Capt. M. W. Marvin Camp No. 96*

No Delegates.

*Colonel John Jacob Astor Camp No. 98*

Patrick Garrahy, Commander.	Thomas Gillsanen, Delegate.
John H. Elbe, Jr. V.	William Jones, <i>Camp No. 59.</i>
	E. F. Rolle, <i>Camp No. 24.</i>
	T. J. Bourke, <i>Camp No. 2.</i>

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HERRICK:

I move you, sir, that the report of the Credential Committee be received and accepted.

This was duly seconded, motion put and so ordered.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

There is a question that has not been brought up yet. As a rule in our Encampments, after the announcement of the election of officers the Delegates immediately proceed to go home.

Now, there is one thing I would like to have settled for the benefit of the incoming administration, and that is the question of the next Encampment City.

COMRADE SCHMALZ (from Utica):

On behalf of Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 33 of the City of Utica, the citizens of the City of Utica and the Mayor, we invite this assemblage to hold its 1915 Encampment in our great and clean and beautiful town. We guarantee you as good a time as you have ever had at any Convention that has been held; and the hospitality will be something you will never forget as long as you live. We ask this Assembly here to give it the preference for the Convention next year. I will read you the Mayor's letter:

CITY OF UTICA, NEW YORK,

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

July 1, 1914.

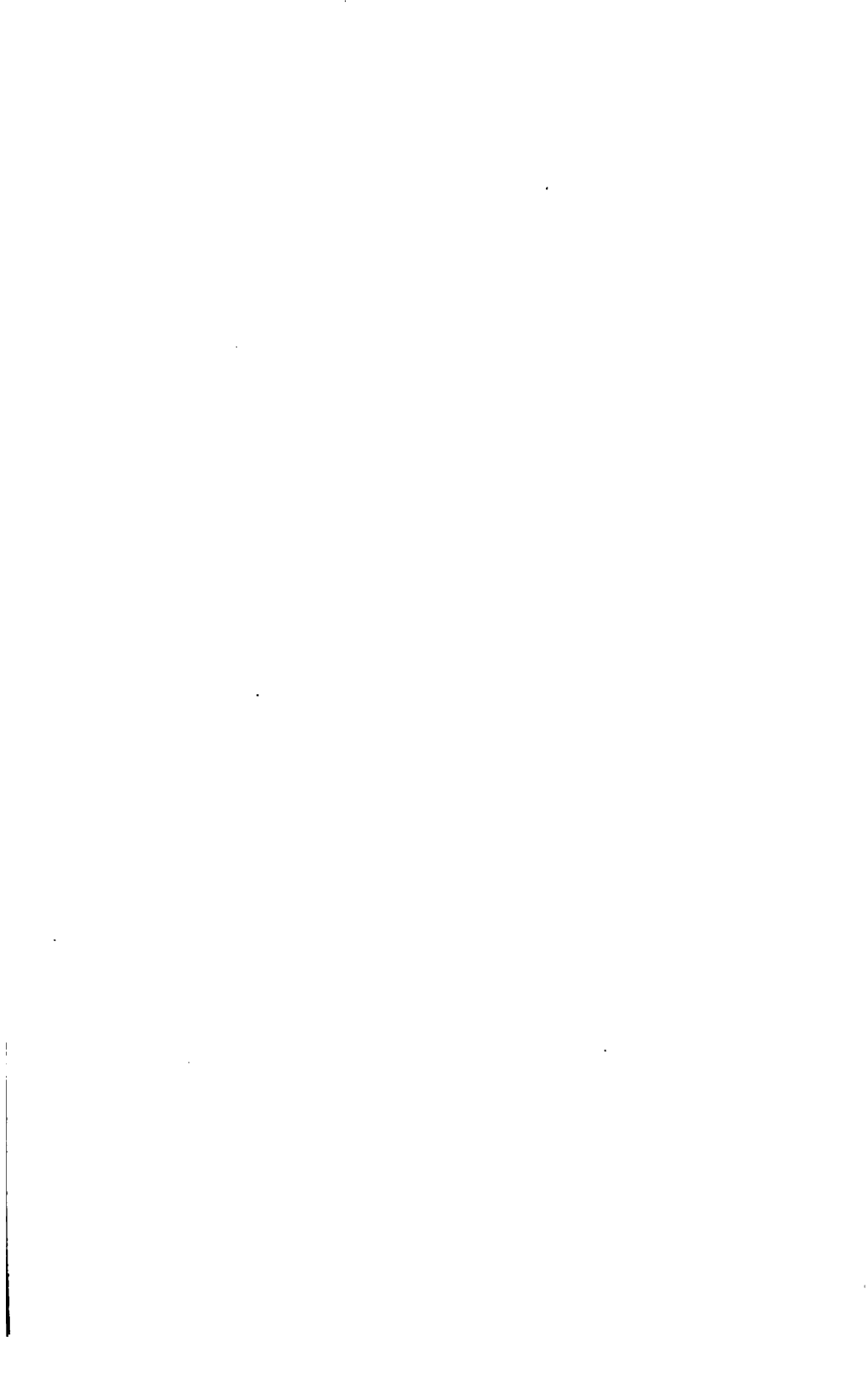
*Spanish-American War Veterans, in Convention Assembled,  
Schenectady, N. Y.:*

SIRS.—As Mayor of the City of Utica, I take great pleasure in extending to you, on behalf of the Spanish-American War Veterans and the citizens of this city, a most cordial invitation to



Assistant Department Quartermaster ALFRED F. KUIN





designate the City of Utica as the city in which to hold your Convention in 1915, and in the event of your selecting our city as your meeting place, I beg to assure you that your greeting will be most hospitable.

Respectfully,

JAMES D. SMITH,

*Mayor.*

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM :

Comrades and Delegates: Comrade Schmalz on Sunday asked me if I would second the selection of Utica as the place at which to hold our next Department Encampment. I feel that it is not necessary for Comrade Schmalz to make such a request. In the early days of the United Spanish War Veterans Organization, prior to the amalgamation, Utica received the Delegates of the United Spanish War Veterans in Convention Assembled, in the latter part of 1901; and I want to assure the Comrades that the city at large received us royally. We were small in numbers then, having only sixteen Camps at that time, and twenty-seven Delegates represented there. We went to Utica when we had only a mere handful. Now, I say Comrades, let us go to Utica and show our growth and strength and prosperity for the last twelve years.

Comrade Commander, I therefore, second Utica for 1915.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER :

Are there any further nominations for the next Encampment City? Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to close the nominations.

Utica is unanimously selected as the Encampment City for 1915.

COMRADE HARTIGAN (Camp No. 24) :

Department Commander and Comrades: I want to read a resolution which I think is in order now:

*Resolved*, That this, the Eleventh Annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, expresses by rising vote its appreciation and gratitude for the unexampled hospitality and sincere courtesy extended to the Delegates and Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans attend-

ing the Encampment, from the City of Schenectady; the Chamber of Commerce; the fraternal organizations; the citizens at large; the newspapers; the Boy Scouts; the Chief of the Fire Department; the Chief of the Police Department; the members of Eugene Griffin Camp; the Cambrian Glee Club; and all those who in so many ways contributed to the pleasure and entertainment of our organization and its friends during their stay in Schenectady.

(Applause.)

So ordered, by a rising vote.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, there is one matter under the heading of unfinished business, and I will entertain a motion that the Encampment select as the Editors of the Proceedings, the Retiring Department Commander and the Retiring Department Adjutant.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HERRICK:

I was going to offer a motion to the effect that the work should be done by just those two officers you have named.

It is so ordered.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Well, Comrades, we have reached the stage where it looks as though we were about through, excepting the Resolutions Committee's report, the Returning Board's report on the elections and the Installation of Officers. (2:15 P. M.)

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

May I ask at this time what action was taken about the communication in reference to the —

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The action taken was that it should be received and placed on file, but I understand there is a resolution in the Committee's hands. I am trying to get a report now.

COMRADE DR. ROSS:

Would a recommendation for the appointment, or the suggestion of the election of one of our members to a National office be in order?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I hardly think it would be in order until we have received the report of the Committee on Resolutions. After we get their report it would be in order, I assume.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HERRICK:

I would like to ask if the Resolution Committee are busy? Would it be possible for them to send in what resolutions they have?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I am trying to find the Resolutions Committee to arrange for that.

COMRADE LANDAU (Camp No. 1):

We forgot to tender a vote of thanks to the Department Surgeon for the elegant report he has rendered to this Department Encampment; I therefore move you, sir, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Department Surgeon.

Carried unanimously.

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

The recommendation of our National Commander-in-Chief was to the effect that this Encampment would take some action upon the Official Paper of our Organization. I don't believe that has been done as yet.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

No, we took a communication from The American Standard and passed a motion that we reply to it; and thank The American Standard for their courtesies that they have given the Department of New York in the matter of space and for the cordial letter they sent us. That is the action that was taken.

PAST ADJUTANT-GENERAL LARKIN:

I wanted to ask the Department Commander if it would inconvenience us any to adjourn for one hour to get something to eat?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Well, we have some important resolutions.

COMRADE LARKIN:

They are not ready, are they?

COMRADE BLOUNT:

I move a vote of thanks be extended to all the other Department Officers for the efficient work they have done and the efficient manner in which they have conducted their administration. In that other resolution only the Department Commander was named, but the other officers were not.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

There are some Department Officers who did not render reports. Are those the ones you refer to?

COMRADE BLOUNT:

I have reference to all. Only the Commander received a vote of thanks. My motion is that a vote of thanks be extended to all the entire staff of the Department Commander for the efficient service they have rendered during the year past.

Carried.

COMRADE LARKIN:

I move you, sir, that we take a recess of one hour.

Seconded.

COMRADE HERRICK:

Department Commander, if the Delegates get away from here now they *never* will come back. I suggest that we stick here until we are through.

COMRADE MURPHY:

We have waited so long, we can wait a few minutes longer. We had better know where we stand and we might hear the Returning Board's report if we wait. I am hungry, too, but I am willing to wait.

(Comrade Larkin withdraws his motion. Does the seconder consent? Yes.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Chairman of the Special Committee on Communications will now render his report:

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WALL reads the following, which have been sent to the officials indicated:

*(Telegram)*

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., July 8, 1914.

To His Excellency the Governor of the State of New York, HON.  
MARTIN H. GLYNN, Albany, N. Y.:

The United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, in Encampment assembled, send their hearty greetings.

Most respectfully,

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

*(Telegram)*

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., July 8, 1914.

To His Excellency the President of the United States. HON.  
WOODROW WILSON, Washington, D. C.:

The United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, in Annual Encampment assembled, send you their hearty greetings.

Respectfully,

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

*(Telegram)*

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., July 8, 1914.

COMRADE H. F. HUBERT, *Department Commander of California,  
United Spanish War Veterans, Oakland, California:*

The Department of New York thanks the Department of California for kindly greetings, and wishes your Department a most successful Encampment.

RALPH H. PARKER,

*Department Commander.*

*(Night Lettergram)*

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., July 8, 1914.

CHARLES H. NEWTON, *Past Commander-in-Chief, Hartford,  
Conn.:*

Encampment sincerely regrets your inability to be present to fraternize with us at this time. Thank you most sincerely and

heartily for kindly expressions in telegram. We wish you continued health and prosperity. Assure you your place in the hearts of one and all is ever-abiding.

#### COMMITTEE ON GREETINGS.

PAST COMMANDER WALL:

The Commander-in-Chief having been here we did not send him greetings. I also desire to state that we have sent a telegram to the Department of California, which is now in session in Oakland, and I daresay that we will receive no response, as no response is necessary.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If there is no objection the report of the Committee will be accepted in full. We will retain the Committee in case of emergencies.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HERRICK:

I move you, sir, that the Resolutions Committee be discharged, and that whatever resolutions they have be presented to the Encampment.

Seconded.

COMRADE CARROLL:

And that the partial report of the Resolutions Committee be adopted as the final report.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Will you embody that in the original motion? That the partial report be accepted as the final? Motion is put.

Adopted.

Chair informs Resolutions Committee they have been discharged; and says to the Encampment:

Now, you have discharged the Resolutions Committee, we shall proceed to take up the resolutions one at a time and dispose of them. I will appoint Comrade Johnson, who was the Chairman of that Committee and who is thoroughly familiar with the resolutions, as Reading Clerk.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON reads the following:

AUXILIARY OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS  
HEADQUARTERS — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

571 66TH STREET, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT.

*To the Comrades in Session and Committee on Resolutions:*

My object in having this resolution put to your Committee is to have a better understanding between the Camps and Auxiliaries.

The Comrades do not seem to think it necessary to recognize the superior officers of the Auxiliaries, and naturally take matters in their own hands, and do with the Auxiliary as they please.

It is no pleasure to think after working a number of years for the welfare of the Comrades that some will try and have the Auxiliary disbanded or detached from the Camp on account of some personal matter.

If any sister does not live up to her obligation, we have laws to govern such sisters, and the Department President should be notified of same. If there should be any such sisters in an Auxiliary, I don't see why the whole Auxiliary should be condemned, and a lot of noble women of good character should be insulted, and cast aside as though they were less than nothing.

By recognizing the Department President, and allowing justice to all, by having the matter investigated, and with the aid of the Department Commander, I think a more harmonious understanding can be brought about, and the Camp and Auxiliary working hand in hand, under the banner of true Comradeship.

I trust you will give this your personal attention.

I remain fraternally,

CATHERINE M. SPOLDERS,  
*Department President.*

*Resolution:*

That no Camp shall have the power to drop an Auxiliary attached to them, without written charges to the Department President, and the privilege to appoint a Committee to investigate and the right of appeal to the Department Commander, for his views on the matter.



COMRADE MCCOY:

Department Commander, has the Committee made any report or recommendation as to its action?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Are you aware that the Committee on Resolutions has been discharged?

COMRADE MCCOY:

I am aware of the fact, and very sorry that they have been discharged, because we should have given them a vote of thanks for the conscientious way in which they have discharged their duties.

EX-CHAIRMAN JOHNSON, Reading Clerk:

We are not in a position yet to make any recommendations.

COMRADE MCCOY:

Now in regard to that, I think it is a matter of great importance to the Department of New York, as I believe there are twenty-eight Auxiliaries in the Department of New York and I believe there should be some means whereby an amicable agreement could be arrived at, and whereby the Camps and Auxiliaries could get together in all cases. There has been a lack of harmony and a little strife; and I move that this Department Encampment recommend that some action be taken by the National Encampment to bring about a better understanding as to what is the status of an Auxiliary in its relation to a Camp.

COMRADE JOEL:

I second the motion.

Carried.

COMRADE LARKIN:

A Comrade made a motion no Auxiliary should be dropped without written charges?

EX-CHAIRMAN JOHNSON "will make an explanation." This was the resolution sent by the Department Auxiliary, and practically as a substitute for this resolution was the motion and action of this Encampment, just taken. A Comrade makes a motion and it takes the place of this resolution.

COMRADE LARKIN:

That is most important, whether the question —

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Do you want the resolution read?

COMRADE MCCOY:

Point of order, that a communication is not official if it is not presented by one who is a member of this Organization. In this case the one who has submitted it is the President-General, or the President of the Department Auxiliary, and while I am entirely willing to give her the courtesy of this Organization, I submit that we are the only ones who are entitled to submit resolutions.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (compelling Comrade Larkin to yield):

The Chair is going to try to explain this situation; and in the explanation you will get the ruling on the point of order. The communication is from the Department President of the Auxiliary — and with the communication is a resolution signed by the Department President of the Auxiliary. Now, the point of order has been raised that the resolution which you have just heard read is not in order inasmuch as it is not presented by a member of our Organization. Now, the resolution was referred to the Department Encampment of New York, and to the Committee on Resolutions, with the original communication. The Committee on Resolutions did not have sufficient time to draw up a set of resolutions to conform with the resolution of the Department President. You discharged that Committee before they had the opportunity to do so. You referred that resolution to the Encampment and it came up under the head of "Resolutions." The motion came up and was passed. Then the point of order was raised by Comrade McCoy. Now, the Chair rules that the resolution is out of order inasmuch as it has not been presented by a member of our Organization.

COMRADE LARKIN:

I offer a resolution embodying the identical language contained in that resolution.

Duly seconded.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It has been moved that the resolution be adopted by this Encampment, with the same sentiments as the original resolution.

COMRADE MCCOY:

I do not like to enter into any needless debate, but I think we can see now the lack of wisdom in discharging the Committee on Resolutions. I believe some of us were a little too anxious to get rid of that Committee on Resolutions, we know that these matters ought to be taken up properly and presented in a form suitable to this Encampment. I move you, sir, as an amendment that the late Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions be appointed a Committee of One to present the remaining resolutions to this Body.

Seconded.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It is regularly moved and seconded that the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, defunct, be appointed a Committee of One to present resolutions to this Encampment.

COMRADE LARKIN:

It seems to me that as long as we have a Ladies' Auxiliary attached to our Organization, we at least ought to show them some consideration, and it does not seem to me that we are very courteous to the Ladies' Organization; and I think that even if the resolution was not presented properly in the first place, it does seem strange that we should want to refer it to the National Encampment. We should meet the proposition squarely. I think you nearly all know enough of the Ladies' Auxiliary to know that they have been a valuable aid to this Organization. I think we should have the Ladies' Organization, and we appreciate the services they have rendered.

COMRADE MCCOY:

The Comrade has made a statement that conveys the impression that I am opposed to the action of the Department President in submitting this resolution. I would like to say that I have been one of the most loyal workers in this Department towards the

Auxiliary, and I believe in giving to them every right; and I believe also that we should legislate for ourselves and not have the Auxiliary come in and legislate for us. (Applause.)

A COMRADE:

According to the statement of the Department President there is some reason why they presented this resolution to us. The Comrade has mentioned one of the "loyal" supporters of the Auxiliaries, but there seems to be some Camps not "loyal" supporters of the Auxiliary, otherwise they would not present this resolution. I believe that the Auxiliary as an Organization would not do that except for good reason. And I believe that we should give them any help we can, and give it willingly, and give them every consideration from the Encampment. Now that resolution has been indorsed and acted upon by one of our Comrades who brings it before this Body in its original form, I ask your careful consideration of it, and give to the Auxiliary everything that is their due, and more if you can. (Applause.) Question called for.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The question has been called for. The amendment is that Comrade Johnson be appointed a Committee of One to draw up suitable resolutions to present to the Encampment, in conformity with the resolution sent in by the Department President.

Motion is lost.

COMRADE LARKIN:

I move the adoption of the resolution to conform to this communication.

COMRADE MCCOY:

I contend that it is not in order until Comrade Larkins put his signature on that resolution. (Comrade Larkin goes on to platform and signs resolution in question.)

COMRADE MCCOY:

Now, I move the adoption of the resolution.

Duly seconded.

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Now the resolution has been presented by Comrade Larkin, instead of being a motion embodying the resolution. All those in favor of adopting the resolution presented by Comrade Larkin will signify by saying "Aye," The "Ayes" have it and it is so ordered.

## COMRADE JOHNSON reads:

*Be it Resolved*, That at no State or National Encampment, no banner, badge or ensign shall be displayed unless prescribed for by the Rules and Regulations approved by the National Body; and let it therefore be

*Resolved*, That we in assembly at the Eleventh Annual Encampment, assembled in the City of Schenectady, New York, U. S. A., asked that this be embodied in your proposed changes that your honorable body deem it advisable and opportune at this time to include in the various resolutions in connection with the proposed constitution.

May we as members of Manhattan Camp No. 1, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., look forward to the National support of the measure.

JOHN J. REILLY,  
FRANCIS R. W. HERING.

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

You have heard the resolution. What is your pleasure?

## COMRADE STOBEE:

As far as I can see of that resolution it applies to such banners as are displayed over the platform now. This is a convention of the United Spanish War Veterans, not an encampment of police or firemen.

## COMRADE HUNT:

I do not care to take a position on either side, but it seems to me that if we had every Camp's Colors along here it would make a beautiful display, and it is too bad that we didn't have them all here so as to fix the hall up to better advantage.

COMRADE HERING (Manhattan No. 1):

In answer to the Comrade who just spoke about putting up the banners of the various Camps; now the resolution does not offer any objection to the raising up of the flags or colors of the Camps; it offers objection to banners and insignia that are not recognized by the Rules and Regulations of this Organization.

COMRADE O'DONNELL (of Manhattan No. 1):

The English of that may not be suitable to the meaning or the voice of those who are within the hearing, but at the same time the intent is there. We have one standard, and that is the Red, White and Blue. When we assemble at a Convention we are not assembled for any other purpose but for F. P. & H. The intent of this resolution, I think, impresses itself thoroughly and clearly, and I hope that the general impression will substantiate the indorser or introducer of that resolution by upholding their right in putting it, and saying that the same as in 1898 that we have supported the flag, and that is the flag that we have to support now.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Now Comrades. If one or other of the signers of that resolution is in the room, I wish they would pay particular attention to it — so as to make it clear while we have the Reading Clerk read it over again.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

You have heard the motion reread — and you have heard —

COMRADE BAIRD:

I make a motion that we lay it on the table.  
Seconded, and agreed to.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Reading Clerk will continue with the resolutions.

PAST COMMANDER JOHNSON reads:

*Department Commander's Recommendations:*

1. That this Encampment record the recommendation to introduce at the coming State Constitutional Convention an amend-

ment to the State Constitution giving full preference in Civil Service appointments, after Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, to Veterans of the Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection and China Relief Expedition; and that every ounce of energy at the disposal of the Department Headquarters be used to bring about this amendment.

Adopted.

2. That this Encampment disapproves of the practice of divulging what transpires in Camp meetings to Comrades who were not in attendance at the meetings where matters were discussed. Comrades anxious for the welfare of the Organization and with a keen desire to be informed of the business transacted at the meetings should attend to the same and not bring up for discussion anything outside of the Camp meeting rooms which should remain solely in the keeping of Comrades until the matter has been finally disposed of at the succeeding meetings.

Adopted.

3. That the practice of passing the countersign from one Comrade to another in good standing should be discontinued. Comrades should be compelled to secure the countersign only from their Camp Commander. In all well disciplined organizations this is the rule and our Department and our Organization should at once take steps to stop this vicious practice.

Adopted.

4. That Department Headquarters deposit a wreath on the Maine Monument in Central Park, New York City, and hold suitable Memorial Services on each recurring anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine.

Adopted.

5. That this Encampment voice its appreciation of the loyalty of our Comrades in the State Legislature and that the thanks of this Department be given to Senator Anthony J. Griffin for his labor on behalf of the Exemption from Taxation Bill and also to Assemblymen Franklin W. Cristman, Beveridge C. Dunlop, Samuel R. Green and Dean Nelson, all active workers in behalf of legislation favorable to our cause.

Adopted.

6. That the thanks of this Encampment be given to Lieutenant-Colonel Frank H. Hines and to Major Joseph I. Berry for their many courtesies in permitting us to use the Second Field Artillery Armory, Borough of the Bronx, New York City, for Department Headquarters during the past term.

Adopted.

7. That this Encampment record its appreciation of the Comradely interest shown by the Adjutant-General of the State of New York, Comrade H. De Witt Hamilton, and extend to him well wishes for his future success.

Adopted.

8. That this Encampment telegraph its greetings to the President of the United States, to the Governor of the State of New York, and to the Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Adopted. (Except that, as noted on page —, no message was sent to the Commander-in-Chief because he himself had already been present at the opening session of this Encampment.)

9. That this Encampment forward its thanks to the Commandant of the State Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Bath, N. Y., Colonel Joseph E. Ewell, for his many evidences of kindly consideration to our Comrades.

Adopted.

10. That this Encampment record a reciprocal feeling of gratitude to the Department of New Jersey for the kind treatment received on various occasions by the Department officers of this Department.

Adopted.

11. That this Encampment instruct the incoming Department Commander to appoint a Committee to draft a new set of By-Laws to comply with the Rules and Regulations, and that this Committee report to the next Department Encampment.

COMRADE JOHNSON:

The idea of this is that we can present in a complete and connected form our present By-Laws, and in a form that they may be readily found. At the present time they are scattered all through



the *Proceedings* (Rules and Regulations); and they are not codified. We move the adoption of an amendment to the recommendation, "That the By-Laws be codified."

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrade Johnson desires to move an amendment on that recommendation. He desires to make a motion that the By-Laws be codified. That is the proposition.

The Chair then puts the motion: "That the By-Laws be codified, in response to Comrade Johnson's motion," and it is so ordered.

COMRADE JOHNSON:

We were considering the advisability of this Department adopting a system of uniform forms, such as receipts, Encampment certificates, vouchers, etc. I would, therefore, move the adoption of that recommendation.

The Chair puts the motion that this Department adopt a system of uniform forms as above described, and it is so ordered.

### RESOLUTION

TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, OFFICERS AND DELEGATES OF  
THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT OF THE  
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
NEW YORK.

The following resolution is respectfully presented to you for your consideration and action:

WHEREAS, There is to be erected in Capitol Park in the City of Albany, New York, an Equestrian Statue of General Phil Sheridan of Civil War fame, be it therefore

*Resolved*, By the Eleventh Annual Department Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York in Convention assembled at Schenectady, N. Y., that this Encampment does indorse the erection of this statue, believing that there should be some fitting monument erected in our Capitol City to the memory of this illustrious hero, and be it further

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$300 be contributed to the fund now

being raised to defray the cost of erection of this monument, out of the funds of this Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
THOS. DAWKINS,  
*Commander, Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 91.*

COMRADE LARKIN:

Did I hear it right, that it wishes to appropriate \$300 of Department funds? Is that correct?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrade Larkin, you heard it right.

COMRADE LARKIN:

That is too many dollars. I move as an amendment that it be reduced to \$100.

COMRADE BAIRD:

I move that the same be laid on the table.

COMRADE FINKELSTONE:

I second the motion.

COMRADE BAIRD:

I make an amendment that we lay it on the table. We have no right to appropriate money like that.

The Chair put the motion to lay on the table and it is lost. The matter is still before the House. It is now proposed to reduce the sum to be appropriated from \$300 to \$100.

COMRADE TINNEY (Camp No. 2):

This is something that has never occurred at any State Convention before. Now is the time to make your appropriation and help to build up monuments and show your loyalty to Phil Sheridan. We have got to follow in their footsteps and we should support them in getting these monuments. I think it should be the duty of every Comrade in this Hall to vote for it.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SIMMONS:

Do I understand that the original resolution calls for an appropriation of \$300? This sum to come from our Encampment

fund, as a donation to this monument? (Yes.) And the amendment provides for an appropriation of \$100?

The Chair: Yes, that question is before the House.

COMRADE SIMMONS:

What will we have left after we pay the expenses of this Encampment?

The Chair: I could not answer that question.

COMRADE SIMMONS:

I am heartily in sympathy with that matter, but as a Past Commander I know it is rarely that a new administration comes in and has two or three hundred dollars to support the work of the incoming administration, but we have got to be just before we are generous. I would like to vote \$10,000 if we know we have funds which will enable the administration to carry on its work afterwards. Then, if you have the funds, vote them away.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HERRICK:

At no time during the time that I was Department Commander was there \$300 in the Administration office, except when we collected per capita tax and sent it to Headquarters. Possibly if we vote away that money out of the funds it would be the same proposition if someone came down from Coney Island and asked the Department to put up a museum for me, or something like that. I would be very much in favor of this Organization going on record asking for voluntary subscriptions from the Department at Large, but I am absolutely opposed to vote away funds of this Department.

COMRADE BAIRD:

Although I am in full sympathy with the Veterans and heroes, I naturally would like to ask what did Sheridan do for us?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I don't know.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HERRICK:

I offer an amendment to that amendment; that the Department Headquarters of the incoming administration be requested to take up voluntary subscriptions.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

You have heard the resolution that referred to the amendment; and the resolution that referred to the incoming administration to be requested to take up voluntary subscriptions.

A COMRADE:

Point of order. The original motion was to appropriate \$300; the amendment was to reduce the amount to \$100; and the amendment to the amendment was to lay it on the table. Now you have another amendment, which is unparliamentary.

(The Official Reporter at the request of Department Commander turns back to place referring to laying it on the table and reads it out to the Encampment.)

The final decision was that the matter should be referred to the incoming administration for voluntary subscriptions.

READING CLERK JOHNSON reads:

ABRAHAM LINCOLN CAMP NO. 91

NEW YORK CITY, July 8, 1914.

*To the Department Commander, Officers and Delegates of the Eleventh Annual Department of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, GREETING:*

The following resolution is respectfully presented you for your consideration by the Comrades of Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 91, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, viz:

WHEREAS, There are numerous eligible veterans who have been members of this Organization, who have for various reasons severed their connection with the Organization by allowing their dues to remain unpaid for sufficient time to have had their names dropped from the rolls of their respective Camps, and

WHEREAS, The United Spanish War Veterans feel that this should be a united order of Veterans, including in its membership, in good standing, all eligible Veterans, be it therefore

*Resolved,* By the Department Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York in convention assembled at Schenectady, New York, on July 6th, 7th and 8th, 1914, that the following resolution be adopted and pre-

sented to the next National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans to be convened in the City of Louisville, Kentucky, on August 31, 1914, with a recommendation that it be accepted by that Body.

*Resolved*, By the Department Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York in convention assembled at Schenectady, N. Y., on July 6, 7 and 8, 1914: That any former member of the United Spanish War Veteran Order who has been dropped from the rolls of his Camp for nonpayment of dues may rehabilitate himself as a member in good standing in any Camp he may elect to affiliate with by making application on the prescribed form for membership and by paying the regular initiation fee for admittance to such Camp, the same as is required of any new member or recruit and that his status shall be that of a new recruit provided, however, that this application for membership shall be made and entrance or initiation fee shall have been paid by such applicant on or before June 30, 1915.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. DAWKINS,

*Commander.*

COMRADE JOHNSON, Reading Clerk:

I move the rejection of that resolution.

COMRADE MCCOY:

I think we are very foolish in rejecting that resolution. That is one of the best things that would bring back men who are in the streets of New York who want to come back into our Organization. I know personally that there are men who where their dues are owing are not willing to pay \$6 and be reinstated; but as a matter of fact all members are willing to pay \$4 to enter other Camps. There are at least 5,000 men in New York State who ought to be in this Organization, twenty-five hundred of whom have been in and been dropped out. The records show that. You can advocate what you like for this Encampment, but you have got to have members, and the only way to get them is to get back every man who was once and ought to be again in the organization. (Cheers.)

COMRADE GUILFOYLE:

I know that we, up in our section of the State, that we sometimes carry on members with the hope of keeping them in our Organization, men who continue in arrears for a year or even two or three years, we keep them on the rolls. We are paying per capita tax to the Department of New York upon them for a number of years. These men they have the privileges of the Camps and they receive all the benefits of this Organization, and go around wearing the badge and wearing the button, and are recognized all over the State as Spanish War Veterans—get all its privileges, and then refusing at the latter end to contribute a dollar to the running expenses of the Camp to which they belong; and then he can be reinstated in some Camp for \$3 and cancel all the previous obligations he incurred in the other Camp! I object.

COMRADE O'DONNELL (Manhattan Camp No 1):

This is no doubt, Comrades, a very charitable suggestion, but at the same time there is a detriment to our Organization. For example: We have a Camp with the practically same proposition, now a member is suspended for nonpayment of dues from another Camp, comes into our Organization and we have no way of finding out whether this man has been a member or a *deposed member*. This resolution, no doubt, has carried itself to a sense of Christian charity, but is the Organization going to suffer by the man who allows himself to be sacrificed, or the Organization to be sacrificed by his past conduct? When a member becomes deficient in his dues it shows clearly that he has no respect for the Organization. (Applause.) Men to-day who are behind in your dues, do you think that your Camp would think enough of you to send you here to the City of Schenectady in this Body? None whatsoever! Therefore, we should consider one thing, while we are in sympathy with the Comrades who have through no fault of their own, or through loss of health, or loss of efficiency, or everything that concerns their earning capacity, we should at least consider the *working element*, those that make up this Body at the present time. We must consider one thing, and that is this: We have in the City of New York—not from Manhattan Camp, or any other Camp in particular, we have men in the City of New York who

are earning a large salary. Those are the men who allow themselves to be expelled (you cannot call it anything else), simply because they are too lazy to pay their dues; and to think that we in this Convention have got to support a resolution allowing them to come back is absurd. I, as a member of Manhattan Camp, register my vote against the resolution.

A COMRADE:

This entire discussion is out of order, for the reason that the Rules and Regulations of this Organization already provides how a member who is delinquent may be reinstated in his own Camp or in any Camp.

(The Chair refuses to let Comrade Tinney speak, as point of order has been raised and not yet ruled upon.)

The Chair rules that the point of order is well taken; as the Rules and Regulations prescribe how members of this Organization can be suspended (applause), and how they shall be reinstated according to the Rules and Regulations of this Organization.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I rule the resolution and the discussion are out of order on account of the fact that it make no provision for a change in the Rules and Regulations.

COMRADE TINNEY:

I was going to speak about that, but now it is ruled out of order, it is not necessary.

### RESOLUTION

Presented to the Department Encampment, State of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, by the Capt. George H. Tilly Camp No. 66, Jamaica, N. Y.

To amend Statutes affecting Classified Service of the United States. To be referred to the next National Encampment.

*(New matter in capitals)*

Section 1754. Persons honorably discharged from the Military or Naval Service OF THE UNITED STATES by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty, OR WHO SERVED IN TIME OF WAR AND WERE HONORABLY DISCHARGED BY REASON OF MUSTER OUT OR EXPIRATION OF TERM OF SERVICE shall be

preferred for appointments, PROMOTIONS AND RETENTION to civil offices, provided they are found to possess the business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of such offices. THE AGE REQUIREMENTS SHALL NOT APPLY TO SUCH PERSONS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE. (R. S. Act of March 3, 1865.)

Respectfully submitted to Charles H. Wenz, Commander of Capt. George H. Tilly Camp No. 66, Jamaica, N. Y.

JOSEPH F. SIMPSON,  
MARTIN J. SIMPSON,  
ALFRED HALLIDAY,  
JOHN CONWAY,

*Resolution Committee.*

Respectfully referred to the Department Encampment.  
Approved.

CHAS. H. WENZ. *Commander.*

JOHN C. MILLER,  
*Adjutant.*

Your Committee approves of this Resolution and recommends that the same be referred to the Eleventh Annual National Encampment.

Approved.

THOMAS H. BARRY CAMP No. 73 — DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

BROOKLYN, N. Y., *June 17, 1914.*

At a regular meeting of Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, held at Day Star Hall, 54th Street and Third Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., Wednesday evening, June 17, 1914, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It having been brought to the notice of this Camp that one of its Comrades, Horace E. Bonnell, 662 47th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., a machinist by trade, and recently employed at the Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y., was discharged April 11, 1914, on account of lack of work, and



WHEREAS, The records of the Navy Yard show his conduct and workmanship have been satisfactory, his rating being "good, 80" in workmanship and "very good, 85" in conduct, and

WHEREAS, No credit was given this Comrade for the services he rendered his Country during the Spanish-American War, in making the reduction in the forces of the Navy Yard, while services rendered the Country by members of the Grand Army of the Republic are considered in making reductions in the Federal forces of all Departments, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this Camp respectfully appeal to the legislative committee of the Department Encampment, to be held at Schenectady, N. Y., on the 6th, 7th and 8th day of July, 1914, to draw up such resolutions as will include the Spanish-American War Veterans, to be considered in making reductions of forces in all Federal positions throughout the United States, and present same to the Legislative Committee of the National Encampment, in order that a bill may be drafted for presentation to the Congress of the United States, and thereby become a law.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be turned over to the Delegation representing Thomas H. Barry Camp at the Department Encampment for presentation to the Legislative Committee, together with the communications received in the case of Comrade Bonnell, also the list of some twenty other Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans, who have been discharged for the lack of work, from the Federal Departments of New York City and vicinity, whose addresses can be furnished if desired.

D. F. GALLAGHER,

*Past Comamnder, Chairman.*

R. S. NEWTON,

*Senior Vice Commander, Member.*

GEO. GEILING,

*Past Sergt. Major, Member.*

[SEAL]

THOMAS H. BARRY CAMP No. 73.

(NOTE.— The list of other members referred to above appears immediately following the attached communications.)

NAVY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 13, 1914.*

DEAR SIR.—Referring to your letter of May 4th, 1914, in which you complain of your discharge as a machinist at the New York Navy Yard and request reinstatement, the Commandant reports that on account of lack of work it became necessary to make a reduction in the force, and after careful consideration of the records and efficiency of all machinists, you were included among the number selected for discharge.

Under the Civil Service regulations governing appointments to the Navy Yard Service, an employee who has been discharged on account of lack of work with a rating of not less than "good" in workmanship and conduct, and who secured his employment in accordance with these regulations, may have his name re-entered on the eligible register in the order of the rating assigned him upon request therefor, and he may be re-employed only when certified in the usual course.

Under the circumstances, the Commandant is unable to recommend your re-employment except in the usual course.

Very respectfully,  
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,  
*Assistant Secretary of the Navy.*

MR. HORACE E. BONNELL,  
622 47th Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

UNITED STATES NAVY YARD

NEW YORK, *June 1, 1914.*

*From: Commandant Albert Gleaves, U. S. N.,*

*To: Commander, Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73, United Spanish War Veterans, Day Star Hall, Third Avenue and Fifty-fourth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Subject: Case of Horace E. Bonnell, Machinist.

1. Replying to your letter of the 25th ultimo, you are informed that Horace E. Bonnell, machinist, was discharged on account of

lack of work on April 11, 1914. His conduct and workmanship have been satisfactory, his rating being "good, 80," in workmanship and "very good, 85," in conduct.

2. The Regulations governing the employment of men in the Navy Yard require that when discharges become necessary, those whose services are of the least value to the Government shall be laid off. Mr. Bonnell was among that number.

3. On account of the condition of work in the Navy Yard, it is not likely that the force of machinists now employed will be increased in the near future.

#### ALBERT GLEAVES.

List of names of United Spanish War Veterans discharged from the Federal Service on account of lack of work:

Harry Horten .....	April 25, 1914
John Duncan .....	April 25, 1914
L. B'Allue .....	April 25, 1914
George Gay .....	April 25, 1914
John Killian .....	April 25, 1914
A. C. Scott.....	April 25, 1914
John Hirst .....	April 25, 1914
George Hubert .....	April 25, 1914
J. Conti .....	April 25, 1914
Ole Lindseth .....	April 25, 1914
Harry Purdy .....	April 25, 1914
Robert Lindsey .....	April 25, 1914
J. J. Ross.....	April 25, 1914
S. Ray .....	April 25, 1914
G. Dalberg .....	April 25, 1914
John Fitzgerald .....	April 25, 1914
Albert Cropsey .....	April 25, 1914
O. Beyer .....	April 25, 1914
Robert Kenny .....	April 25, 1914
A. Esser .....	April 25, 1914

COMRADE JOHNSON, Reading Clerk, reads:

Your Committee would recommend that this whole matter of

Horace E. Bomnell and the names of the others similarly affected, be referred to the Legislative Committee for consideration.

Recommendation adopted.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., July 7th, 1914.

*To the Department Commander, Officers and Delegates of the Eleventh Annual Department Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York,*

GREETING:

The following resolution is respectfully presented to you for your consideration by the Special Legislative Advisory Committee, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, viz.:

*Resolved,* By the Department Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York in convention assembled at the City of Schenectady in the State of New York on the 6th, 7th and 8th day of July, 1914, that the following amendment to Article V, Section 9, of the Constitution of the State of New York be presented to the Delegates of the Constitutional Convention to be convened in the City of Albany in the State of New York on the first Tuesday in April in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, for the purpose of considering a revision of the Constitution of the State of New York, and that this Encampment use its best endeavors to the end that this amendment be adopted, by seeking the support thereof of all candidates for election as either Senatorial District Delegates or as Delegates-at-Large to the said Convention, and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Department Legislative Committee is hereby authorized to use its best endeavors for the purpose of seeking such support and for the purpose of furthering the adoption of this amendment to the Constitution.

AMENDMENT

After the words "Civil War" and before the words "who are citizens," insert the following: "and all officers, soldiers and sailors of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States of America, who served during the War between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain, or during the War for the

suppression of the Insurrection in the Philippine Islands, or during the Boxer Uprising in China, prior to July 4, 1902."

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. ROSS,

*Department Surgeon, Camp No. 40, Chairman.*

WM. T. HUNT, *Camp No. 3,*

P. J. GUILFOYLE, *Camp No. 86,*

THOMAS F. DAWKINS, *Camp No. 91,*

GEO. A. MARKHAM, *Camp No. 12,*

*Members of the Special Advisory Committee.*

The following is the full text of the law as it is now written in the Constitution of the State of New York as Article V, Section 9, together with proposed amendment. All matter in brackets and in italics is new and is the proposed amendment:

Article V, Section 9: "Appointments and promotions in the Civil Service of the State and all subdivisions thereof, including cities and villages, shall be made according to merit and fitness to be ascertained, so far as practicable, by examinations, which, so far as practicable, shall be competitive; provided, however, that honorably discharged soldiers and sailors from the Army and Navy of the United States in the late Civil War [*and all officers, soldiers and sailors of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States of America who served during the War between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain, or during the War for the suppression of the Insurrection in the Philippine Islands, or during the Boxer uprising in China, prior to July 4th, 1902,*] who are citizens and residents of the State, shall be entitled to preference in appointment and promotion, without regard to their standing on any list from which such appointment or promotion may be made. Laws shall be made to provide for the enforcement of this section."

COMRADE JOHNSON, Reading Clerk:

I move its adoption.

This motion was duly second and adopted.

COMRADE LARKIN:

Does that resolution just adopted refer to full preference for

Veterans, and that is all — is it concerning other subjects contained in it?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

No, that is all.

COMRADE JOHNSON, Reading Clerk, reads:

It is now 4.35 P. M. Department Commander instructs Official Reporter that that which is to follow immediately is very important, and he is asked to get everything in great detail, especially names.)

WHEREAS, COMRADE CHARLES A. CROWINSHIELD of Manhattan Camp No. 1, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, has been discriminated against and unfairly dealt with in receiving a dishonorable discharge from the Eighth Coast Artillery District, National Guard, State of New York.

WHEREAS, Manhattan Camp believes in the unfairness of the findings of the Colonel of the said Coast Artillery in discharging Comrade Crowinshield dishonorably.

WHEREAS, This case has been investigated by two (2) Committees appointed by the Memorial and Executive Committee of the Counties of New York and Bronx, the result of which investigation proving in the opinion of the Committee, that Comrade Crowinshield was discriminated against. Be it

*Resolved*, That the incoming Department Commander appoint a Committee of Three to consider all the essential details at hand, with a view to according Comrade Crowinshield a hearing.

The above reading is that which was given after the amendment proposed by the Reading Clerk, and passed by the Encampment, was inserted.

So ordered.

COMRADE JOHNSON, Reading Clerk, continues reading:

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be directed to co-operate with and assist the Spanish War Veterans' Civil Service Association in all matters pertaining to legislation bearing upon Civil Service matters.

BART HUNT,

*President, S. W. V. Civil Service Association*

COMRADE BART HUNT:

I move the adoption of this resolution.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Wait till the Chair sees whether he is going to take that resolution.

COMRADE JOHNSON:

Department Commander, I would move as an amendment to this motion that this resolution be referred to the Committee to be appointed on Department By-Laws (as we are codifying the Department By-Laws), for further consideration.

Duly seconded, and so ordered.

Chair recognizes Department Quartermaster Terence J. O'Donnell.

COMRADE O'DONNELL (goes on platform):

I move you, sir, that the incoming administration be requested to communicate with the National Headquarters requesting the issue of application blanks for membership free to the Camps.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (explains):

It is a question of getting them *free*, instead of paying for them. So ordered.

COMRADE MURPHY (asks for information):

Department Commander, could not the tellers acquaint you with the fact as to whether any one of the candidates had received a majority vote, so that the information might be imparted to the Body here, so that they can take action? So that if the Returning Board should return and say that there has been no election; why we will not wait like this for the return of the Returning Board if there has been no election made? Could not they whisper it to you, and you state it to the Body?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Department Marshal has gone out to consult with the Returning Board. (Comrade Cunningham says the Returning Board will report in a few minutes.)

Now Comrades, we have some further resolutions. They are short and sweet. We will try and get them quickly disposed of,

and then you will hear the result of the election from the Returning Board.

COMRADE JOHNSON, Reading Clerk, reads:

“*Resolved*, That the Department of New York recommend at the next National Convention that the Department Inspector be empowered to select his own District Inspector.”

This is so as to repeal the rule requiring all District Inspectors to be Past Commanders.

COMRADE JOHNSON, Reading Clerk:

Comrade Commander, I move that the recommendation be not approved.

Duly seconded.

COMRADE JOEL, Department Inspector:

Comrade Department Commander and Comrades: Nobody understands that law better than I do. This was the first year that that resolution was carried through. Under Department Inspector Iler that resolution was not carried through and he appointed whoever he saw fit. I claim that there are just as good men in the ranks, among the rank and file of our Departments, and especially among the Adjutants and Quartermasters, that are more capable of looking over the books of a Camp than some of our Commanders. A Commander may be proficient in ruling over a Camp, and know absolutely nothing about books. They do not know what the debit side is, or what the credit side is. I have experienced it. Some of my reports are laughable to look at, but I was compelled to pick out Past Commanders. I had to do the best I could under that law. I am out of office now and I am trying to do the best I can for the incoming Department Inspector, whoever he may be. He is working under difficulties, give him a show to inspect the Camps. They ought to be inspected by men competent to do it and by the very best men obtainable, to have a thorough inspection. (Cheers.)

COMRADE LANDOW:

I want to make a motion, or rather an amendment to the motion, to adopt the resolution as it was read.

A Voice: Second the motion.



**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:**

You are practically getting the identical circumstances of the original motion reversed; and you can secure the same result by registering your vote on this motion.

**COMRADE LANDOW:**

All right; I withdraw my motion.

**COMRADE LARKIN:**

I discussed with the Department Inspector, Comrade Joel, this question of District Inspectors. The object of the resolution which was introduced and passed at the National Encampment at Atlantic City was to prevent Department Commanders from flooding the Department with District Inspectors who have a vote. You can appoint as many Past Commanders as you please, because he would not increase the vote; and Department Inspectors, being only human, are quite liable to make a mistake; and so I think this resolution should be rejected.

**COMRADE JOEL:**

I am surprised at the remarks of Comrade Larkin. We believe that every Comrade who holds office in our Order is a man who can be trusted, and if we cannot trust him we ought to throw him out.

**COMRADE LARKIN:**

You can trust the Commanders to properly inspect these other Commanders.

**COMRADE TINNEY:**

That is one of the most important offices in our Department, going around and inspecting the Camps. That is something that you have got to consider, that you cannot pick out your inspectors from the most capable men under the present rule. The rank and file are just as good as any of them. The rank and file can do it, and so why put it upon Past Commanders? They have been at it. I don't want the honors of being an inspector, I am not looking for anything like that, but for to divide it around and give everyone a chance, as it puts more life and interest into our Organization. We are disappointed with many who are a detriment to our Organization. They don't get out and work hard for the Organi-

zation which they represent at home. We want an Inspector that is going to get out and work hard for the Organization, and go into his work heart and soul with the workers. We want a worker. And if you appoint men to get out and be a worker and who understands bookkeeping, you will have a good system.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I announce that Comrade Johnson will have the closing of the debate, he moved the motion.

COMRADE WHITE (Camp No. 4):

There are many reasons why District Inspectors should have at least the rank of Past Commander. To begin with, a Past Commander can go to a Camp and command, so that he is in a position to demand more respect with the officers and members of the Camp which he goes to inspect. If a private is appointed to the position of Inspector and were to go into a Camp meeting or room and dictate to the Commander the officer would resent it, they would undoubtedly take offense, and refuse to submit to the dictates of a man who is not in a position to do it—but *unauthorized*, you might say. On the same proposition you might point out that it is almost necessary for Inspectors to have had the experience of a Commander in order to judge what should be done and what is best for the interest of the Camp, in the light of his own experience. There are many reasons a man should have at least that rank. You could stand here and argue that proposition all the afternoon.

You can take any military Organization and ask the Captain of the Company to appoint a private of his Company to go over and inspect the Staff of the Regiment. We would have a swell chance of pointing out where in his judgment things should be done, or where they should make corrections in anything that had been done.

COMRADE WOODHULL:

On the motion. I want to concur with my Comrade Tinney of Marcus D. Russell No. 2 of Troy. I am standing before you as a Past Commander. I think that the Past Commanders would be mighty glad to be relieved of these arduous duties. When Com-

rade White states that a man goes into a Camp as a private and cannot be received by the Commander on account of being a private, I think he loses sight of the fact that the moment a man is deputized to that rank he takes the rank of a Department Inspector and is superior to a Camp Commander.

COMRADE JOEL:

How is it that you allow McCoy to speak four times on one subject?

COMRADE WOODHULL:

I think that Comrade Joel, while being very concise in his report, he was right where he said that many Past Commanders did not know anything about their business. If there are men in the rank and file who are willing to work, let the willing workers take a chance and let the Past Commanders get the benefit of this load being taken off their shoulders.

COMRADE JOHNSON rises, but has to pause while the following remarks are made by the Chair:

The Chair: I recognize Past Commander Johnson. I recognized Comrade Joel twice. Now I propose to have Johnson recognized — give him a chance.

COMRADE JOHNSON:

While I am as systematic a man as the Comrade on the floor, or any of them, still I hold that it is not fair to the Commanders of our Organization to take as it were (as we might term it in military parlance) a man after a few months' service, or even a few weeks' service, or sometimes a *one-night* service and outrank our Camp Commanders and our Past Commanders. That is not fair to you gentlemen who are Commanders. That is not fair to you who are Past Commanders. If you have — and you have adopted the report of your Department Commander, in which he states here that no Comrade was appointed a District Inspector who was not of, or above the grade of Past Commander; and he further states that, for the first time in the history of the Department, every Camp in good standing has been inspected. I say this, Comrades, that I hope you will not on the Comrades and Past Commanders,

cast a slur on a man who is a Commander or a Past Commander by voting that he is a man who cannot be trusted.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The motion is that the recommendation be not concurred in.  
(Calls for the question.)

COMRADE SHINN:

Does it mean if we vote "Yes" on it we shall be able to appoint a private to the position of Inspector?

COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

I rise to say that it is not as the Comrade stated. It simply means to repeal that proposition — doesn't it?

The Chair reads the resolution over again to the Encampment, "*as there seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding.*" He then explains to the Encampment the meaning and effect of this resolution.

Comrade Shinn asks for information on it again.

COMRADE CARROLL:

I make a motion as a substitute for the original —

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It has been greatly misunderstood. I don't think we should take any motion on it now.

A COMRADE:

I move that it be laid on the table.

Seconded.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It is regularly moved and seconded that this recommendation be laid on the table. All in favor of laying this motion on the table, say "Aye."

It is so ordered.

COMRADE JOHNSON reads again:

"Second recommendation of the Department Inspector: That the Department of New York recommend at the next National Convention that the Department Inspector be allowed to select his own District Inspectors."

COMRADE FRED W. DUNSON (Camp No. 58) :

It occurs to me that this is simply a repetition of the clause which we just decided to lay on the table. So I move that this motion be laid on the table.

Seconded.

It is so ordered.

COMRADE JOHNSON, Reading Clerk, reads :

*Resolved*, That the incoming administration appoint a committee of three to draw up a sample sheet of plain bookkeeping for Quartermasters.

COMRADE JOEL :

I move to lay it on the table.

This was seconded, but the motion was lost.

COMRADE MCCOY :

I move the adoption of the Department Inspector's recommendation.

COMRADE JOHNSON :

I move as an amendment that the last part of this recommendation be stricken out, namely: "and same to be printed and forwarded to each Quartermaster upon his assuming office."

Seconded.

I may explain the reason for my moving that amendment. The first part of the recommendation provides for a committee of three to draw up a sample sheet; and then goes on to prescribe that they shall forward a sample sheet to each Quartermaster upon him assuming office. What do you accomplish?

COMRADE PIERCE :

Comrade Commander: Every one of these resolutions which have been introduced, it seems to me, that they have all turned over everything expecting someone else to pay for it. Don't you think the Camp ought to pay for something, once in a while?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER :

All those in favor of the amendment striking out the last section of this recommendation, that the sheets be printed and forwarded

to each Quartermaster upon assuming office, will signify by saying "Aye," Contrary minded, "No." (A rising vote is later taken, and each side counted by the officers on the platform.)

The amendment is carried.

COMRADE JOEL:

Kindly have the motion read to the House as it had been adopted.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Don't misunderstand this amendment to strike out a certain part of the recommendation of the original motion, as accepting the recommendation. You passed an amendment to strike out part of the recommendation. Now you have before you the motion to accept the recommendation with the stricken out part.

COMRADE GERMOND (Camp 43):

It seems to me, Comrade Commander, that this resolution reflects on the Camp Commanders. We will admit that uniformity is always desirable in matters of this kind, but I believe that there is no Camp Commander in this Department who would appoint a Quartermaster unless he felt and knew that he was perfectly capable of keeping the books of that Camp; and to appoint a committee of three for this matter, it is only filling up the records, saying that this shall be adopted, is all a waste of time, and "poppy-cock." This resolution as presented means absolutely nothing, and it has wasted a lot of time voting it down.

PAST DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR FAIRLAMB:

The Department Inspector in making inspections found it difficult through the lack of uniformity and the manner of keeping the books, to get a clear and concise report from all Camps alike, and to compare them quickly and make that report. As a Past Department Inspector I experienced that same difficulty, and I believe that Comrades who are present who have held the office will notice the lack of uniformity in the manner of keeping the books. I am in favor of the resolution.

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (now takes the Chair):

All those in favor, signify by the usual sign.

Carried.

COMRADE MURPHY:

I move that no further eleventh-hour resolutions be considered.  
I move the resolutions be closed.

(A Voice: "That is all there is.")

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HERRICK:

Department Commander, we have been waiting now for several hours for the report of the ballot. Half an hour ago we were told that the "Committee would be here in two minutes." I think the Department Commander himself has already gone to ascertain the cause of the delay.

COMRADE MURPHY:

I move that the resolutions which have been partly adopted, be adopted in their entirety.

Seconded.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

It is moved and seconded that the resolutions be adopted in their entirety.

Carried.

(Comrade Strachen requests the person having found a gold bracelet to please turn same over to Mrs. Lakestream at the Vendome Hotel.)

Senior Vice Commander sends out to see what is causing so much delay over the election returns.

COMRADE MURPHY:

I move that the Adjutant or Quartermaster, or whoever he is, be sent in to find out whether the Returning Board is going to make a report.

A COMRADE:

I make a motion that a Committee of Three be sent in to find out what is the cause of the delay in the Returning Board.

(Comrade Strachen announces that Comrades for Binghamton will leave at twenty-seven minutes past six to-night. It is now very late in the afternoon.)

(Department Commander returns to the Chair and says: The Returning Board will be in with the results in a couple of min-

utes. As it seems now we will probably have to take another ballot.)

A COMRADE:

Those people who have got to go away have made a special time for the train to go by.

The Chair: That is Binghamton, not New York City.

PREVIOUS SPEAKER:

The Chair did not make an announcement. I have to leave at 6 o'clock myself.

COMRADE MURPHY:

Mr. Chairman: It seems to me that we might have saved about one and a half hours when your Committee Tellers made the report, there was no question about it that we might have gone to work and made provisions for another vote. Why a Returning Board was necessary after getting the figures from the Tellers, I don't know; and then take up about two hours and forty-five minutes waiting; and then find out that we need another election, when most of the Delegates are around in Schenectady and other places — it wouldn't seem to me to be using very good headwork.

COMRADE SPOLDERS:

I move you, sir, that the Election Board return a partial report.

The Chair: I have been out there and seen them personally. We have got to take another vote, and we might as well get in shape for it. At this point the Returning Board appears and Comrade Alexander says:

I have here the report of the Returning Board, which is as follows:

Three hundred and eight (308) ballots were cast for Department Commander, as follows:

Comrade Clare . . . . .	113
Comrade Beilman . . . . .	57
Comrade Jones . . . . .	136
Blank . . . . .	2
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Total . . . . .	308
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No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, another ballot must be taken. The Tellers are still working on the remaining part of the ticket.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I appoint as Tellers for the second ballot: Clark of Camp No. 1; Larkin of Camp No. 48, and Strachen of Camp No. 11.

COMRADE SHINN, Camp No. 43:

I move that the Returning Board be "fired" and that we do not have any Returning Board on the next election, but accept the report of the Tellers.

(At this point, forty minutes past 4 P. M., fresh ballots were distributed for the vote on Department Commander, and the members proceeded to vote right away.)

COMRADE FITZGERALD, at ten minutes past 5 P. M., moves (and it is seconded) that the second ballot for Department Commander be closed. This is agreed to, and forthwith count is commenced. The Department Commander again upon request "takes the same steps to find out the results of the rest of the ticket." He asks Department Surgeon Ross to take the Chair in his temporary absence this time.

The Reading Clerk then read the following communication:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 8, 1914.*

MY DEAR SIR.—The President asks me to make cordial acknowledgment of your telegram of this afternoon, and to thank you for wiring him. He would be glad to have you assure those in attendance at your Encampment of his deep appreciation of their generous message and of the good will which it evidences.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

J. P. TUMULTY,  
*Secretary to the President.*

Department Commander, Ralph H. Parker, United Spanish War Veterans, Schenectady, N. Y.

COMRADE DR. ROSS (in the Chair) appoints Comrade Fitzgerald a committee of one to visit Tellers.

COMRADE FITZGERALD returns and says: I was partially successful, that is, I found the Department Commander. I learn that in fifteen minutes more the Committee will be ready to report.

COMRADE DUNN of Camp No. 73:

May I ask what sense or reason there is in taking the ballot out from the Hall?

COMRADE ROSS:

It is a secret ballot, it is quiet out there and plenty of room.

COMRADE DUNN:

Does the secret ballot require that they take it out into another room? Why don't they take it out in the open where people can watch them?

(After a very long wait for the returns, Comrade Larkin reports that there were two hundred and forty-two (242) votes cast on the second ballot for Department Commander as follows:

Comrade Jones, 116; Clare, 89; Beilman, 37; and as no candidate has received a majority, there is no election.

COMRADE BEILMAN:

Comrade Department Commander and Comrades: The Comrades from Buffalo and all the other places have spent a long afternoon here waiting to hear their choice for Department Commander for the coming year. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Comrades who have so loyally supported me, and especially the Comrades in Buffalo, to whom it meant so much. If it has not done anything else, the loyal fight that we have had here has demonstrated one thing beneficial to the Comrades from the City of Buffalo. We have had some small petty quarrels, and we came down here and we eliminated all this petty jealousy from this Camp. When we came down here we came determined to enter the fight in a friendly spirit. Comrade Clare, who is a candidate for Department Commander, is a very good friend of mine; and Comrade Jones is another; and I promised that when I came here

there would be no mud-slinging whatever, and that it was to be a friendly campaign; and we entered the campaign in that spirit.

Subsequent events have proven that as a candidate my vote has been growing less every minute. I want to thank all the Comrades who supported me at this particular time for this office in that loyal way, in the best way that they knew how. As I said, the vote was very small and I appreciated it just the same, to think that there was some sentiment for Beilman; and I want to thank the Comrades from every section of the State in the most pleasant manner. I want to take this opportunity to withdraw from the field, in favor of no one, with clean hands; and I want to meet the next Department Commander in the same spirit and offer him my loyal support.

I want to thank the Comrades who supported me; and I hope there is no feeling now, that you will vote promptly for the candidate of your choice.

(Balloting for the third time for the office of Department Commander then begins at fifty-five minutes past 5 P. M.)

COMRADE JOHNSON:

Comrade Department Commander: A short time ago, as a little joke I made a motion. I am going to renew that motion now from a serious joint of view. Comrade Commander, I move that a committee of three be appointed to consider the advisability of arranging for the use of the voting machine at the next annual election of the Encampment which is to be held in the City of Utica.

COMRADE HARTIGAN:

Department Commander: I rise to second the motion made by Comrade Johnson; and would suggest that in view of the valuable time lost in this Convention with the counting of the ballots, that the voting machine (which may be obtained as a loan from the City of Utica next year) be used in the Convention at Utica next year.

COMRADE DR. ROSS:

I have very little to say. I tried to start something in that direction. As for voting machines — if they are “fixed” they will lie; but but if they are “not fixed” they are all right. I be-

lieve the City of Utica will loan one without any trouble. I heartily second the motion.

A COMRADE FROM UTICA:

We will see about the voting machine and get it for you.

The Chair: All right.

A COMRADE:

Point of information! My understanding of the Rules and Regulations is that they provide for voting "by ballot" and the adoption of the use of a voting machine would be a contradiction of the specific requirements of the Rules and Regulations. I will make a point of order.

COMRADE JOHNSON:

May I say a word? I was just going to make a statement that my motion was for a committee to consider the advisability, etc. (The Comrade withdraws his point.)

COMRADE SPOLDERS:

I said that I would "fix" the machine, if you would use it.

The Chair puts the motion to look into the matter of voting machines.

Carried unanimously.

COMRADE ALEXANDER reports that the reason the returns took so long was that 25 per cent of the ballots were "split" "and anyone who counted ballots knows what that means." Comrade Alexander then gives the returns as follows:

COMRADE ALEXANDER, of the Returning Board:

I shall read you the list of returns for the various offices. You all understand that we have had two ballots already for the office of Department Commander and that the third ballot is now being taken. The result for that office will be announced in a few minutes.

The vote is as follows:

FOR DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER

VOTES

Comrade James Tweed, Camp 78.....	154
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## COMRADE ALEXANDER:

You may have already noticed, Comrades, that the vote in the case of the Department Marshal is not decisive; hence it will be necessary for the matter to be put to another vote.

The Returning Board finds that according to the ballot the following Comrades are elected to the respective offices for the ensuing year:

- Department Senior Vice-Comdr.... James Tweed, Camp No. 78
- Department Junior Vice-Comdr... Geo. W. McCune, Camp No. 2
- Department Inspector..... William Snyder, Camp No. 53
- Department Judge Advocate..... V. M. Bovie, Camp No. 37
- Department Surgeon..... Dr. Frank W. Ross, Camp No. 40

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

- Charles O. Davis..... Camp No. 43
- John S. Strachen..... Camp No. 11
- John D. Driscoll..... Camp No. 40
- P. Samuel Rigney..... Camp No. 4

ALTERNATES-AT-LARGE

- Ernest W. Larkin..... Camp No. 48
- C. Fields ..... Camp No. 95
- H. C. Schmalz..... Camp No. 33
- Arthur Fairlamb ..... Camp No. 19

THE CHAIR:

Comrades, you have heard the report of the various men named in the returns who have been elected to the respective offices.

COMRADE E. B. MOELLER, Camp No. 27:

In order to expedite matters, I withdraw from the race for Department Marshal.

A COMRADE:

I move that we take a rising vote on the two remaining candidates.

Seconded.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

All those in favor of Comrade Kennedy for Department Marshal will rise.

The Department Adjutant reports that he counts seventy-three (73) votes for Comrade Kennedy.

All those in favor of Comrade Gavin for Department Marshal will rise.

## DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT:

I count eighty-five (85) votes for Comrade Gavin.

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrade Gavin, having received a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared duly elected Department Marshal for the ensuing year.

## COMRADE GAVIN:

Well, I thank you all for this cordial welcome, and thank you for my election. Of course, I have been in the "rough house"—Remarks drowned by uproar of congratulations.

## THE CHAIR:

Comrades, we will hear a report of the Tellers on the special ballot for Department Commander.

Comrade Larkin reads:

There were 219 votes cast; and 4 were void, leaving 215; of these

Comrade Jones received.....	122
Comrade Clare received.....	93

(Great uproar.)

## COMRADE CLARE:

I want now to make a motion that the election for Department Commander for the Department of New York for the year 1914-1915 be made unanimous.

Seconded.

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

All in favor of this signify by saying "Aye."

Carried, with great applause.

## COMRADE GUILFOYLE:

I also wish to make the election of my opponent unanimous. I don't know of any Camp that I would rather lose to than the Camp I lost to.

Seconded and carried.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It gives me pleasure to request Past Department Commander Wall to act as Installing Officer; and Past Department Commander Cunningham to act as Master of Ceremonies. Will these two Past Commanders kindly step to the platform; and will the newly-elected officers kindly assemble in front of the platform?

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER CUNNINGHAM (Master of Ceremonies):

Installing Officer Past Department Commander Wall: I have the honor to present to you the newly elected officers for the Department of New York for the year 1914-1915. Officers: Salute!

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WALL, Installing Officer:

Officers elected to the Department of New York: You will raise your right hands and repeat after me:

I (*the new officers mention their names*), having been duly elected to fill the position of (*the name of office is given*) to which I have been duly elected, do solemnly promise that I will truly and faithfully fulfill all the obligations and duties of the office to which I have been elected.

(Each and every officer complies with above instructions.)

Having solemnly pledged yourselves to the proper performance of your duties, I now declare you duly installed in your respective offices.

Master of Ceremonies of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, you will conduct the new Commander to his station.

Comrade Cunningham conducts the new Commander to his station on the platform amidst great applause.

COMRADE P. D. C. WALL:

Comrade Department Commander: There are sometimes in a man's life when his heart is too full for utterance. I feel kindly for you. I remember you when you went into your Camp as a Comrade. I was instrumental in a slight way in reviving or in enlarging the activities of your Camp, and putting it on the basis where it finally became a "live wire," and you went into that



Camp and became a "live wire." It is with great pleasure that I now hand over to you the symbol of authority. Will you wield it without fear and without favor, and with charity to all the Comrades in this great Department?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will.

COMRADE WALL:

The Comrades who have just been installed are kindly dismissed.

I thank you, Department Commander, for allowing me this privilege.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

I feel that the occasion is one of too much joy to me to make any remarks. In my fight for this office, you Comrades have shown the material of which our Organization is composed. You have all had your choice for the different offices which were to be filled by this Encampment. You stuck to this choice and showed that each of you was "True Blue."

To you Comrades who have differed with me, I ask you to forget what has transpired in the last four days of this Encampment; and to remember that if our Organization is to grow; if our Organization is to prosper; and if our Organization is to become successful in this great State of New York, we must forget all our petty differences; and we must remember that we have but one thought in our mind, and that that thought is "THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS." (Applause.) And for which I have promised at this time to strictly and impartially perform all the duties devolving upon me as the Department Commander of the Department of New York; and in return for this I ask you Comrades not to permit any petty differences to arise in your Camps, but do cut out all the "angry" feeling you may have towards any Comrade. If you do this I know that, when a year hence if it is my pleasure to preside over the Encampment then, we will have grown strong in friendship; and above all, we will have done what we set out to do at this Encampment. (Applause.)

Is there any further business to come before this Encampment?

COMRADE MCCOY:

I move we adjourn.

COMRADE MURTHA:

I second the motion.

Carried.

At 6:58 p. m. on July 8, 1914, therefore, the ELEVENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, adjourned, to meet in the year 1915 at the City of Utica, New York, on a date to be decided later.



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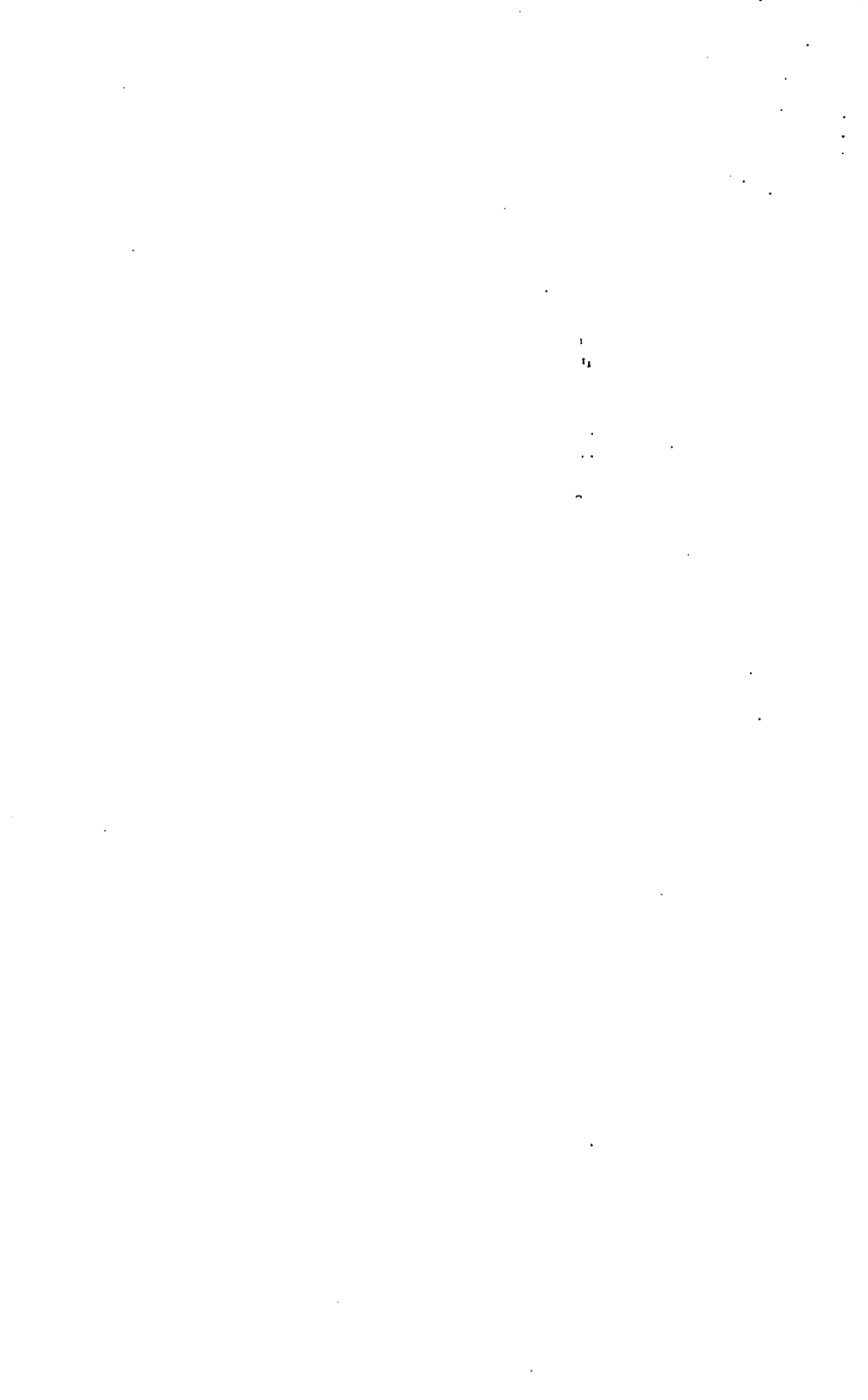
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